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Two killed, 62 hurt in bomb attack on London Hilton

Two people were killed and 62 injured when a bomb exploded at lunchtime yesterday on the ground floor of the Hilton Hotel, in the West End of London. A warning had been telephoned to a newspaper office. Some witnesses complained of a delay in evacuating the lobby and there was conflict as to what warning was given to the hotel by the police.

Conflict between police and hotel on warning

by Martin Huckerby, Stewart Tendler and Diana Geddes

A man and a women were killed and 62 people were injured, eight seriously, when a bomb exploded at lunchtime yesterday in the foyer of the Hilton Hotel, in the West End of London.

A warning had been telephoned to the *London Evening News* 20 minutes earlier by a man speaking with an Irish accent but police and security men had only just started to clear the lobby area when the bomb exploded among foreign tourists and hotel staff.

Dazed and bleeding, guests and staff ran from the ruins of the lobby as casualties lay moaning amid the wreckage. The building shook from the explosion, which also knocked down people who were passing in the street. At first smoke obliterated the scene.

Last night Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, visited the hotel to survey the damage. Mr Wilson sent his sympathy to the injured.

The explosion wrecked the lobby and the shops surrounding it, and shattered the glass frontage of the hotel, as well as sending glass into the streets on either side of the building. The bodies of a man and a woman were lying in the lobby when police quickly cleared the area, fearing that another bomb might have been placed in the hotel.

The warning was received by the Associated Newspapers at about 11.37 am and police arrived at the hotel shortly before the explosion at 12.18 pm, the police said. No alarm was sounded in the building but police and hotel security men had begun to search the reception area, starting to clear some of the people out.

Commander David Helm, head of C Division, West End, explained that the police received so many bomb calls, averaging about 20 a day at present, that they could not evacuate premises in every case. But he said that quite a lot of people had left the reception area before the explosion, which injured the ears of a police inspector and a sergeant who had been conducting the search.

Mr Marc Colakowski, aged 23, of Whitby Road, Ruislip, an assistant in the man's shop at the hotel, said that he was just going up into the lobby when the bomb went off. As the smoke cleared he saw a man on the floor. "His leg had been blown off. I bent down and tried to do something for him. I tried to stop him seeing his leg."

He said the man, who he thought was an Arab guest at the hotel, was wearing a blue safari suit "what there was left of it. The man said: 'I've lost my leg.' I kept telling him he would be all right."

Mr Colakowski added: "About 6ft away from me there was a man who was obviously dead. One of the girls from the British Airways desk rushed past; she looked as if she had been cut badly."

Mr Philip Power, aged 22, a carpenter from Maida Vale, London, who was passing the hotel, said he ran into the lobby and saw "three bodies, just mutilated".

He was trained in first aid and went to help a man whose leg had been shattered. Mr Power managed to stop the bleeding. The man was a middle-aged Israeli, who had been staying at the Inn on the Park near by. Mr Power thought most of the injured were foreigners.

Mrs Connie Mann, the hotel's telecommunications manager, said: "People were just running around screaming hysterically". In the telephone exchange they had received a warning, over their internal emergency telephone, saying "a bomb is going off in reception". But before they could put their bomb procedure into action it went off.

Mr Louis Blouet, general manager of the Hilton, said last night that he was not aware of anyone having been evacuated from the lobby before the explosion. The police had arrived at the hotel perhaps four or five minutes before the bomb went off, and had started searching perhaps only a minute before the explosion. He had no knowledge of any telephone call from the police, or any other warning.

He said their normal procedure when receiving bomb calls, of which they received a considerable number, was to search the hotel before deciding about evacuation, which anyway could be dangerous because it would bring people down into the lobby area.

Scotland Yard said, however, that they had telephoned a warning to the hotel shortly after noon.

Mr David Reid, executive assistant manager at the hotel, said a telephone call from the police came only seconds before the explosion.

Mr Edgar Dickinson, an assistant in the hotel jewelry shop, who was cut by flying glass, said two policemen rushed into the hotel about five minutes before the bomb went off. Larger than those planted in London recently, it was thought to have been placed under one of the marble-topped tables in the centre of the lobby.

Several hundred people were in the building at the time and a Hilton spokesman said that the hotel had been completely booked, with about 750 guests, including the American singing group, the Supremes.

A suspicious holdall, with wires apparently trailing from it, was seen as the lobby was cleared. An Army bomb disposal team using a robot fired detonation bullets at the bag, which turned out to contain only personal belongings.

The lower floors of the building were swiftly cleared but dozens of guests had to remain for three hours in the upper storeys. The police did not dare to evacuate them for fear they would be walking into another explosion.

By late afternoon the hotel was returning to normal but police kept the reception area cordoned off as they combed the wreckage for clues. Many guests were transferred temporarily to adjacent hotels. Police work continued to be hampered by hoax calls.

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ers of a bomb squad handling a Goliath robot at the damaged entrance to the Hilton Hotel. The robot was used to ne a suspected explosive device found near the hotel.

Loyalists angry over Rees speech

From Christopher Walker
Belfast

In spite of the renewed London bombings, Mr Rees, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, yesterday showed no inclination to submit to mounting "loyalist" pressure for an immediate reversal of the Government's security policy towards the Provisional IRA.

His much heralded crisis statement to the people of Ulster succeeded, even before it was broadcast on local television, in increasing the frustration and anger among loyalist politicians and the threats from para-military groups to take direct action.

Although strenuous efforts were made by Stormont officials to embargo the contents of the prerecorded broadcast until it was transmitted shortly after 6 pm, a remarkably accurate account had found its way into the hands of the Rev Ian Paisley by early afternoon.

The leader of the Democratic Unionist Party immediately rejected the pleas for political moderation and announced his intention to continue trying to force an indefinite adjournment of the constitutional Convention. He said that was the only way to make Westminster drop its alleged appeasement of the Provisional IRA.

Other members of the loyalist coalition were equally infuriated by what they claimed was a lack of initiative in Mr Rees's broadcast. A spokesman for Mr William Craig's Vanguard Unionists said angrily: "The statement is pure window-dressing. There is nothing new in it at all, and we reject it as totally inadequate."

Leading moderate members of the Convention, including Mr Oliver Napier, of the Alliance Party, and Mr Brian Faulkner, the former Prime Minister, also expressed strong concern that the broadcast lacked new measures against terrorists of either religious persuasion.

In his six-minute broadcast Mr Rees reiterated that the centrepiece of the Government's policy, as exemplified in the Convention, was to encourage local politicians to find an agreed and acceptable political settlement.

Although not naming Mr Paisley, Mr Rees went on to deliver an undisguised attack against his recent attempts to wreck the Convention in protest over security policy.

Reaction in Belfast political circles was that the statement will serve only to increase the pressure on Mr Rees to alter his policies and step up Army and police activity throughout the province. The arrival of 650 extra troops during the day did not go far enough to meet even the demands of his more moderate opponents.

Meanwhile, it became apparent that the immediate fate of the Convention will be decided at a full meeting of the loyalist coalition on Monday, when Mr Paisley will put forward his suggestion of a protest adjournment. The idea is still opposed by Mr West, leader of the official Unionists.

Mr Rees's broadcast came during another day of widespread sectarian violence in Ulster, which by early evening had left four people seriously injured in a series of bombings and shootings.

President Ford escapes attempted assassination as woman aims pistol at point blank range

From Fred Emery
Washington, Sept 5

President Ford escaped an assassination attempt today when a woman aimed a gun at him at point blank range. A presidential bodyguard wrestled the woman to the ground before the gun could go off.

The President was walking alongside a crowd shaking hands in Sacramento, California when the pistol, said to be a loaded .45, appeared 2 ft from his face. The woman shouted repeatedly, "It didn't go off", as, she was disarmed, apparently to ward off rough handling.

But such was the President's aplomb that within one and half hours of the incident he delivered an address on crime and gun control to the California State Legislature without mentioning the drama.

The woman was identified by White House spokesmen as Lynn Alice Fromme, aged 26, of Sacramento. She was said to be a follower of Charles Manson, now serving a life sentence in Los Angeles for the murder of Miss Sharon Tate, the actress, and others in 1969.

She was taken to Sacramento police station and charged with attempted assassination.

Miss Fromme shaved her head and carved an "X" on her scalp during the Manson trial. In Sacramento she and the other girls were supposedly watched closely, after demonstrating as "nuns" in pursuite of "the peace of the world".

Some witnesses, including journalists, said that the President himself had pushed away the gun, but this was not borne out by the White House spokesman. Mr Ford was said to have been "aware" of the incident, other witnesses saw him duck and flinch.

The President was hurried with his party into the state Capitol building. The White House said he had "no comment" and was preparing to pursue his scheduled political activities for the rest of the day.

The only injury reported was a cut hand on one of the Secret Service bodyguards, Mr Larry Buendorf. It was not clear whether his hand had been caught in the trigger mechanism, the White House spokesman said.

The incident occurred shortly after 10 am as the President left the Senator Hotel to cross to the palm-fringed plaza of the state Capitol.

With a crowd of several hundred spectators on his left, Mr Ford walked along the line, shaking hands as he went, when he came face to face with the gun. After that there was some confusion in the crowd as people nearby threw themselves to the ground.

The attempt was strikingly similar to the shooting of Governor George Wallace by Arthur Bremer in 1972. In that case the Secret Service bodyguard was himself shot as he tried to ward off the shooting from point blank range.



Miss Lynn Alice Fromme, who is alleged to have attempted to kill the President, is led away after the incident.

Today's incident shook America, with special radio bulletins interrupting normal programmes to assure listeners the President was unharmed. Parallels of timing and occasion were immediately recalled over the death of President Kennedy, who was assassinated at the same hour on a Friday while on a political campaign visit.

The President's address in Sacramento, with its text on crimes with guns delivered as prepared, was broadcast live.

The assailant, described as a slim woman in a brownish-red, long dress carrying a large red handbag, was said by witnesses to have wandered on to the pavement the President was to use about 20 minutes beforehand. Police were said then to have moved her back behind restraining ropes.

Miss Irene Morrison, who was standing next to the

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General Gonçalves accepts defeat

Tancos, Sept 5.—General Vasco Gonçalves, Portugal's pro-Communist former Prime Minister, tonight abandoned his attempt to become commander-in-chief of the armed forces in the face of widespread opposition to his nomination.

General Gonçalves was also removed from membership of the ruling military Revolutionary Council, together with three of his closest supporters—Brigadier Eurico Corvacho, commander of the northern military region, Captain Manuel Ferreira de Sousa and Captain Luis Matedo.

Michael Knipe writes from Lisbon: Earlier today the Armed Forces Movement (MFA) had been in complete disarray when official Army and Air Force delegates boycotted a crucial MFA assembly meeting. Delegates of the more staunchly left-wing Navy, however, proceeded to hold a meeting with dissident pro-Gonçalves Army elements.

However, a military spokesman said that their proceedings attended by President Costa Gomes and General Vasco Gonçalves, the former Prime Minister, did not constitute "an official assembly".

The dispute centred upon General Gonçalves's proposed appointment as commander in chief of the armed forces. The Army and Air Force assemblies had opposed the appointment while the Navy assembly supported it.

Another issue was a plan to restructure the Revolutionary Council. The Army is demanding that the MFA assembly should itself be restructured along more representative and clearly defined democratic lines before it is called into session. As it is at present, the MFA assembly consists of 120 Army delegates and 60 each from the Air Force and Navy. The process of their selection is haphazard and has in the past been subject to considerable manipulation.

The MFA assembly was due to convene at 10.30 am today at the Tancos army base 80 miles north of Lisbon in the central military region. It was delayed for five hours while the Army assembly unexpectedly reconvened to confirm its decision to oppose General Gonçalves's appointment and to boycott the MFA assembly.

When the Navy delegates insisted on proceeding with a meeting, they were supported by the 40-strong minority of the Army delegation, who back General Gonçalves.

A man was in hospital in serious condition in Lisbon tonight after being injured during a demonstration outside the offices of the *Diario de Noticias*, a Lisbon morning newspaper. Troops fired in the air

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Business News Staff

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Sudan revolt foiled in fierce battle

Loyalist forces yesterday foiled an attempted coup against President Nimeiry of Sudan by rebel officers after a short, fierce battle at the national radio headquarters. The leader of the rebels, a parachute colonel, who was said to be seriously wounded in the fighting, first succeeded in broadcasting a call for the overthrow of the Government. The rebels were reported to have affiliations with both the Muslim Brotherhood and the communists. President Nimeiry said he had "no difficulty" repressing the revolt

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Israelis walk out of MPs' conference

Israeli delegates, led by Mr Abba Eban, former Foreign Minister, and Lord Janner, a former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, walked out of the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in London yesterday. They were protesting at a representative of the Palestinian Liberation Organization being called to speak

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'Sell-out' in Rhodesia

Mr Enos Nkala, a leading Rhodesian nationalist, yesterday accused the British Government of "scheming" to reach a compromise settlement disregarding nationalist demands for immediate black majority rule. He said Whitehall was supporting Mr Joshua Nkomo "who stands for a sell-out"

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Chips may cost more

The prices of chips and crisps are likely to rise sharply because the light potato harvest has trebled prices to processers. Birds Eye Foods, which raised its frozen chip prices 10 days ago, is already seeking another increase

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A nine-week strike of about 5,000 workers at Swan Hunter's Tyneside shipyards ended yesterday without achieving the £8 a week pay rise demanded

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TUC wants action soon on jobs

The Government was pressed for action "this autumn" to protect jobs by Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC. Speaking after the TUC conference at Blackpool had concluded, Mr Murray indicated that unemployment would get priority during meetings between ministers and TUC leaders which begin next week. He said the TUC decision had helped to consolidate the social contract

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Theatre Museum for Covent Garden

The proposed Theatre Museum is to be housed at Covent Garden, Mr Hugh Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts, announced yesterday, ending months of argument. The Fine Rooms at Somerset House, which were expected to be the museum's home, will now be available for other use, possibly a Turner exhibition

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New York breather

New York's municipal employees' unions gave the city a financial breather yesterday by buying $100m (about £50m) worth of special bonds. The money was rushed to the city's bank accounts—and New York was enabled to remain solvent for at least a few days

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Accounts disclosed of Stonehouse bank

Accounts of the London Capital Group, of which Mr John Stonehouse was formerly chairman, disclose in detail a series of transactions involving loans to private companies of Mr Stonehouse before his disappearance last year

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Four are killed in fall at Peak Cavern

From Our Correspondent
Chesterfield

Four men aged between 18 and 23 fell to their deaths last night at the Peak Cavern, Castleton, Derbyshire. The bodies were carried from the cliff face to the village by mountain rescue workers.

Mr Bob Lewis, custodian of the cavern, which is owned by the Duchy of Lancaster, said last night that the four young people were not wearing climbing equipment.

Police said they believed the four had been in a small cave near the top of the cliff. Two had fallen out of the cave and down the cliff. The other two had gone to investigate and had also fallen.

The cavern was closed after the accident.

Sixteen years ago a student became entombed inside the cavern after three days of rescue attempts failed to reach him. Five weeks ago a youth club member from Liverpool fell to his death outside the cavern.

The Queen to visit Finland

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh have accepted the invitation of President Kekkonen to pay a state visit to Finland in late May, 1976.

The Prince of Wales's 10-day visit to India next month has been cancelled on Government advice, Buckingham Palace said yesterday. He hopes to visit the country later.

S African troops

Pretoria, Sept 5.—South Africa today published the text of a note it sent to Portugal admitting that its troops had crossed into Angola.

This was the first official confirmation of the troop movements. Newspaper reports about them had been prohibited.—Reuter.

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Sir Robert Mark in pledge to quash evil that killed bomb hero

Sir Robert Mark, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, paid tribute to a bomb hero yesterday and pledged himself to seek out the "mindless" murderers. "In dealing with the evil which cost him his life, whatever its source or numbers, we shall not weaken or relax our efforts whatever the cost, whatever the sacrifice", Sir Robert said.

He was giving an address at the funeral of Captain Roger Goad, aged 40, an explosives officer with the Metropolitan Police, who died when a terrorist bomb he was tackling exploded in his face in London last week.

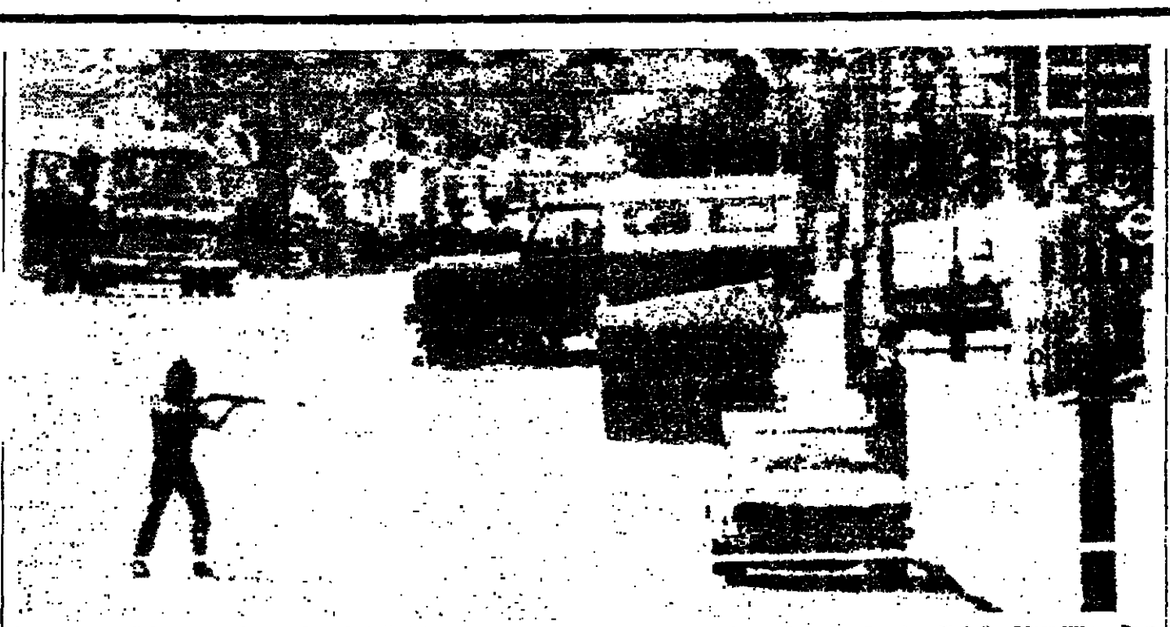
The Methodist Church at Basingstoke, where the service was held, was filled with 250 mourners, relatives, Army colleagues and policemen. Another 500 people lined the street.

Captain Goad's widow and his two daughters, Sharon and Nicola, aged 10 and five, were there. Sir Robert said: "His cruel and wicked murderers are to be pitied for the mindless brutes they are, devoid of reason, devoid of humanity, deserving only of the contempt of their fellow men.

"They offer a stark contrast against which the nobility and unselfishness of this gallant man will be judged."

After the service the cortege, led by a police patrol car, drove to Aldershot for a cremation ceremony.

Officers of the Metropolitan Police "A" division, where Captain Goad was based, and men of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, his unit, lined the drive to the cremation chapel. A blue Metropolitan Police flag draped the coffin.



A marksman firing yesterday at the windows of a car suspected to contain a bomb outside the Cavalry Club in Piccadilly. Part of Piccadilly was closed by the police while the car, a white Ford Capri, was investigated. It proved to be a false alarm.

Police held warrant since April for Miss McKearney

By a Staff Reporter

New Scotland Yard disclosed yesterday that police have held a warrant since April for the arrest of Miss Margaret McKearney, aged 21, the Irish terrorist named by the bomb squad on Thursday and whose picture was issued by Scotland Yard.

A warrant for Miss McKearney's arrest was issued in April in Southampton to Hampshire police. It covers possession of explosives and attempting to cause an explosion in Aldershot last December.

The bomb squad has linked Miss McKearney with terrorist activities in London, Southampton, Manchester and Liverpool since last winter.

Southampton police made the first moves in the process of identifying her when policemen were shot in an incident at a house on Christmas Eve.

New Scotland Yard yesterday said more than 500 calls had been received from the public as a result of the appeal for information. Detectives believe Miss McKearney may still be in Britain but if she is not, the unwelcome publicity is expected to destroy her use as a courier and help to break the chain of communication between terrorist cells.

Scotland Yard issued a statement last night denying reports that the photograph of Miss McKearney published in the national press was taken this week by an undercover agent in the Irish Republic.

The statement said: "The story published today that the photograph of Margaret McKearney was taken this week by an undercover man of the C11 intelligence branch of New Scotland Yard as she was coming out of a bar in Eire is a complete fabrication. The photograph concerned was in fact discovered during the search of a house in Manchester this summer while inquiries were being made into IRA terrorist activities."

A spokesman refused to comment further on newspaper reports which quoted Scotland Yard as saying that the picture had been taken in the Irish Republic by "an information source" who seized a unique opportunity to "snatch a quick picture".

Two policemen jailed for burglaries totalling £14,000

From Our Correspondent
Manchester

Two young police officers who stole property valued at thousands of pounds while on night duty were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment at Manchester Crown Court yesterday.

They had used a key found in a new shopping precinct and had a knowledge of protective devices. But most of all they had used their ability to go unquestioned through the night, Mr Alistair Bell, for the prosecution said.

Robert Glasby, aged 29, of Hales Close, Droylsden, Lancashire, who had six years' police experience, admitted 17 burglaries involving goods valued at £8,000. John Spence, aged 24, of Kingsley Close, Ashton-under-Lyne, Lancashire, who had been in the force for four years, admitted 15 burglaries involving goods valued at £6,000.

Judge Philip Hinchcliffe told them: "The integrity of police officers is a matter of the utmost importance and you have both betrayed the confidence placed in you. While serving officers you committed serious offences of burglary while on duty and in uniform. Your course of conduct was utterly disgraceful and can only call for severe punishment".

Mr Bell said that Mr Glasby and Mr Spence, who had since resigned from the force, committed the offences over about a year in Droylesden and Ashton while on foot and on panda car patrol.

When their conduct came to light through interviews with a receiver, Mr Glasby said it started because they found premises insecure, and once they realized it was easy to get rid of the goods the offences snowballed. He added: "I feel so ashamed that I have brought disgrace on the job".

Stewart Evans, aged 23, of Grimshaw Lane, Middleton Junction, Lancashire, who was described as the principal receiver of the goods, was sentenced to 12 months' jail after he admitted eight offences of handling. Three other men who admitted handling were each fined.

Hilton witnesses complain about 'delay'

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Police last night estimated the size of the bomb at between 5lb and 10lb. Mr Albert Pick, a newspaper telephonist, who took the warning call, said the man spoke with a soft Irish accent. The caller sounded educated and the call did not appear to come from a public call box.

A statement from Downing Street said that the Prime Minister had heard with sorrow of the explosion and the casualties. "Mr Wilson has expressed his abhorrence of this senseless and wanton crime and sends his sympathy on behalf of the Government, to the injured and the relatives of the dead."

Most of the injured were taken to St Georges Hospital, at Hyde Park Corner, where most were discharged after treatment for minor cuts or ear damage. Of eight detained, the condition of one man who had his leg amputated was said last night to be "critical".

Another man underwent surgery for leg wounds and another for wounds to his abdomen. A woman was admitted to the maternity ward, where she later gave birth. The hospital said that both mother and child would be "fine".

Relatives inquiring about injured should telephone the following numbers: 01-434 5136/5483/5485/5486. Some of the injured were taken to Westminster Hospital.

Mr G. Padaon, an Italian businessman who lives in London, said that he was sitting in the London Tavern, in the Hilton, having a glass of wine with a friend before lunch.

The hotel was "full of police" 30 minutes before the bomb went off. "No one told us to get out. Everyone should have been got out of the hotel from the moment of the first warning. Two of my friends had their ear drums blasted. They should have shut the hotel."

Mrs Molly Bysh, aged 33, who was serving in the jewelry shop in the hotel lobby when the bomb went off, was treated for shock at Westminster Hospital. She said that she saw a police car come up to the hotel with its sirens on about 10 minutes before the explosion.

"They rushed into the hotel, looked around, then came out and sat and talked on their radio for a few minutes and then drove away. About 10 minutes later two policemen came into the lobby and then the next thing I knew was the bomb went off.

"The jewelry shop was completely demolished. The whole lobby was in absolute chaos, people lying all over the floor. We were lucky to be standing at the back of the shop, away from the window.

"There was jewelry all over the floor and I picked up a necklace of silver and diamonds worth about £1,500 that I just tripped over as I was being taken to the ambulance. There must be thousands of pounds of jewelry still scattered all over the place."

Mr Mohammed Ikhlaf, aged 26, a hall porter, said that he was in the lobby waiting for a lift when he heard a big bang. "People were running off screaming, lying on the floor. There was glass and dust everywhere. I helped to take a number of the injured off. They were mostly Arab guests. The lobby and the restaurant were completely wrecked. It was a miracle that I escaped uninjured."

Mr Juan Ramien, vice-president of a Venezuelan car company, who is on holiday with his wife and two daughters, was having a late breakfast in the London Tavern when the bomb exploded. He also said that he saw police searching the lobby as long as half an hour before the bomb went off.

A police spokesman said later that if the police had tried to evacuate the hotel the casualties could have been far worse. Hundreds of people would have come down through the lifts and out into the lobby. "It would have been sheer carnage."

He said it was the decision of the hotel whether to clear the building and he pointed out that it was impossible to evacuate people every time there was an alarm. The Hilton had received eight similar hoax calls in the past week alone. Other hotels in the area had also received such calls.

The London Hilton opened in 1963 with 512 bedrooms capable of accommodating 856 guests. It was previously attacked in December, 1973. One bomb was left at a side entrance and another placed near the petrol tank of a car on the other side of the hotel. Both exploded but nobody was hurt.

Police explain: Scotland Yard said that a 999 call was received by its information room from Associated Newspapers switchboard at 11.58 (the Press Association reports). Within seconds the room broadcast a radio warning to cars and also told police at Vine Street.

From there a police officer immediately telephoned the security staff at the Hilton with details of the threat. An area wireless car with a crew of three then went to the scene. The duty officer, an inspector from Vine Street, went as well.

When the car arrived at the Hilton, the hotel security staff said that they had carried out a search and that there was no trace of a bomb. While police were in the hotel the duty officer telephoned Associated Newspapers to say that there had been a search and it looked as if their information was false. Seconds later the bomb went off.

Because of the many hoax calls and false alarms, police usually recommended evacuation only if a suspect object had been found.

Bomb squad officers were last night searching for a navy blue Mini, registration KEL 229E, which was seen outside the hotel shortly before the blast. It had two passengers, one aged about 30, about 5ft 9in tall, of medium build and with short, black hair.

Late last night Scotland Yard had not named the dead. One of the seriously hurt was Mr Brian O'Dell, of Henlow, Bedfordshire, who has head injuries. He was transferred later to Atkinson Morley Hospital, Wimbledon.

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Police examining the wreckage of the London Hilton Hotel's foyer after yesterday's fatal bomb explosion.

Nine years' jail for blowing up wife's house

Mr Graham Neal, aged 42, blew up his wife's house because she had left him, Leeds Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Neal, a lorry driver, formerly of William Street, Churwell, Morley, West Yorkshire, pleaded guilty to three charges of destroying houses and one of damaging a house and endangering the lives of neighbours. He was sentenced to nine years' imprisonment.

He had told police, it was stated: "I would not have done it if she had not left me. She had everything. I had nothing, so I decided to burn the house down."

Mr Franz Muller, for the prosecution, said Mr Neal had met a married woman in July, 1973. She had later been divorced and married him in June, 1974, and they had lived in her house in William Street, Churwell. But the marriage had not been happy, and early last June she had left her husband.

When she returned to the house to collect some clothes, Mr Neal had protested his love for her. But she said she would not return to the house while he remained there.

The next day he attached a plastic tube to a gas pipe, turned the gas on and lit a bottled gas stove upstairs. He then left the house. About two hours later there was an explosion. The house and two neighbouring ones were wrecked, and a fourth house was damaged. The cost of the destruction was estimated at £30,000.

Asked after his arrest if he had given any thought to his neighbours, Mr Neal said: "I did not think of them. I just thought of her and the house. She thought more of the house than me."

Mr Roger Scott, defending, said that "in this household all arguments led to the question of the house. It was her house and if he did not like it he could get out. That terminated most arguments. By doing what he did he hoped things would get better, and the obstacle to good relations between him and his wife would have gone."

17 lives lost in Severn 'death trap'

After hearing how three children from the same family drowned in the river Severn, Colonel David Crawford-Clarke the Shrewsbury coroner, said at the inquest yesterday that he was appalled that no one in authority seemed to be responsible for river safety.

He said 17 people had drowned in the river this year and added: "I am writing most forcibly to the county council, urging the appointment of a river safety officer."

He recorded verdicts of death by misadventure on Nicola Watt, aged 13, and her brothers Andrew, aged 10, and Timothy, aged nine, of Broughton Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury, who died when they went for a Sunday afternoon swim.

Mr Gerald Williams, a Severn-Trent Water Authority inspector, said the shingle beach at the spot where they drowned was a death trap. A shallow area of 10 inches fell suddenly to a depth of 14 feet with a whirlpool

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Search for 24 immigrants in smallpox alert

By a Staff Reporter

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that 24 immigrants from Bangladesh who have arrived in Britain since the first week in August may have been exposed to smallpox while collecting their immigration papers at the British High Commission in Dacca between August 4 and 8.

The department said 61 people received entry papers in the High Commission during the five days. Of those, 28 are still in Bangladesh. Nine people have been traced in Britain and are under observation in isolation.

The warning was sent to London from Dacca when a small boy who had been present in the High Commission developed the disease. All immigrants into Britain from Bangladesh are required to have a smallpox vaccination certificate.

Home Office rules boy must leave UK

Last-minute representations were being made last night to the Home Office to stop a boy aged 12 being sent back to Cyprus.

Christos Christofis had been sent by his Greek-Cypriot mother to his father in London, from whom she is legally separated, Mr George Eugeniou, a community worker with Kentish Town Citizens' Advice Bureau, said.

Because of the aftermath of last year's Cyprus troubles, she was anxious for her son to stay in England in his father's custody for the period of his education. She had expressed her agreement in a letter on legal oath, Mr Eugeniou said.

Yesterday the Home Office was standing by its decision that the boy was to return to Cyprus today. An official said representations had been considered regarding the custody of the child, but it had been decided that his mother had responsibility.

Government callous over jobless, Mr Heath says

By Our Political Staff

The Government was accused yesterday by Mr Heath, the former Conservative Prime Minister, of "cold stony callousness" over rising unemployment.

Speaking to the Edinburgh Junior Chamber of Commerce, Mr Heath recalled that he was hissed and booed in the Commons by Labour politicians when he was Prime Minister. He continued: "I do not intend to go back over the past. But I do think that it is worth recalling the mindlessness and the heartlessness that characterized the empty promises uttered by Labour ministers a year ago."

It showed how little they understood unemployment, the connexion between escalating inflation and loss of jobs, the inevitability of the consequences of the often contradictory and ineffectual policies they had pursued.

Buried in the total figure of unemployment was a high proportion of young people, many of whom would normally be expecting to start their first job at the age of 16, 17 or 18, but were unable to find work.

"Of course, the figures cannot begin to measure the crushing hopes of those young people and the feelings of aimlessness which are bound to afflict them. Nor is this just a temporary phenomenon, shortly to be forgotten."

He added: "Who can be surprised if they turn against the democratic system which apparently cannot give them a decent start to their working lives?"

Mr Stonehouse visits a friend in prison

By a Staff Reporter

Mr John Stonehouse, MP, returned yesterday to Brixton prison, where he spent five weeks on remand, to visit a friend awaiting trial.

He said later that he had written to Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, as part of his campaign against the "scandal of the bail system", calling for an inquiry into the complaints of two women whose husbands are on remand at Brixton.

Explaining his visit, he said: "I went with my wife to visit a friend I made there in C wing, one of the many I made while I was in prison. This had nothing to do with the general campaign I am conducting. It was a social visit.

"The campaign I have started, however, is now getting under way. I want to coordinate all the informed opinion about the bail system that I can. It is intolerable that so many unconvicted defendants are denied their liberty and the chance to prepare their defence."

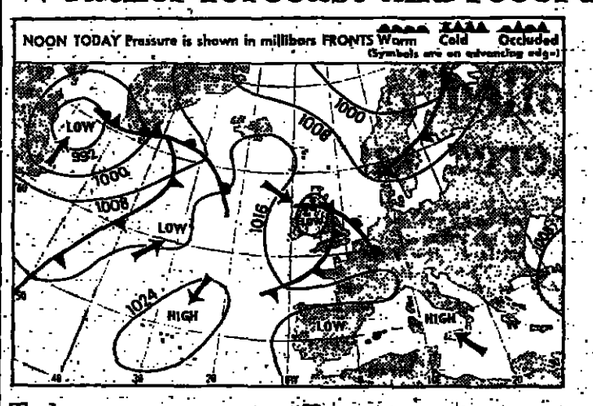
The police, he said, automatically opposed bail because it was to their advantage to have defendants under scrutiny. Magistrates, who overruled police advice in only one in five cases, had little opportunity to evaluate the situation at a first hearing without access to some independent evidence.

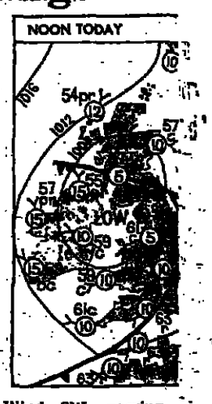
Mr Stonehouse also condemned overcrowding in prisons and the general conditions faced by unconvicted prisoners. "I have had a lot of uninvited correspondence on the subject, which I am now dealing with. Some of the information I am getting from warders and former policemen", he said.

He had also written to the Home Secretary asking for an immediate inquiry into a sit-down protest at Brixton Prison earlier this week, after receiving a letter from the wife of one of the prisoners involved in the protest.

She told Mr Stonehouse that the protest was against an alleged assault on a prisoner by a prison officer. Her husband and two other men had been put into solitary confinement,

Weather forecast and recordings





Wind SW, veering sea moderate.

Today

Sun rises: 6.20 am Sun sets: 7.37 pm
Moon rises: 7.18 am Moon sets: 7.28 pm
First quarter: September 12.
Lighting up: 8.7 pm to 5.52 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.39 am, 7.6m (24.9ft); 2.57 pm, 7.6m (25.0ft). Avonmouth, 8.21 am, 14.0m (45.8ft); 8.39 pm, 14.3m (46.8ft). Dover, 12.4 pm, 7.2m (23.5ft). Hull, 6.57 am, 7.9m (25.9ft); 7.33 pm, 7.7m (25.3ft). Liverpool, 12.18 pm, 9.8m (32.3ft).

Tomorrow

Sun rises: 6.22 am Sun sets: 7.35 pm
Moon rises: 8.43 am Moon sets: 7.55 pm
Lighting up: 8.5 pm to 5.53 am.
High water: London Bridge, 3.24 am, 7.8m (25.5ft); 3.40 pm, 7.8m (25.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.6 am, 14.3m (46.8ft); 9.25 pm, 14.3m (47.5ft). Dover, 12.26 am, 7.0m (23.1ft); 12.49 pm, 7.3m (24.0ft). Hull, 7.41 am, 8.1m (26.7ft); 8.15 pm, 7.8m (25.6ft). Liverpool, 12.36 am, 10.1m (33.2ft); 1.3 pm, 10.0m (32.8ft).

A depression off Scotland will move towards central England.
Forecast for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE England, East Anglia, SE central, SE England, E Midlands, Channel Islands: Mainly cloudy with rain at times; wind moderate; max temp 18°C (64°F).

W Midlands, Wales, Lake District, SW, NW central, N, NE England: Mainly cloudy with rain at times; wind, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

Isle of Man, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain, brighter later; wind SW, turning moderate or fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Cloudy with occasional rain; wind S, turning E, light; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Dry, sunny intervals, wind N, light; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Changeable tomorrow, becoming mainly dry, but on Monday rain in W districts will gradually spread E; rather cool in N; temp near normal.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind W to SW, moderate; sea slight.

English Channel (E): Wind SW, moderate or fresh; sea mainly moderate.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea:

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F
Alders	s 20	61	Cologne	s 14	57	Lisbon	s 25	77
Amstrdm	f 16	61	Copnhgn	c 17	63	London	f 19	66
Athens	s 32	90	Dublin	f 17	63	Luxemby	s 18	64
Barcelona	s 26	79	Edinburgh	c 17	63	Madrid	s 29	84
Belfast	c 16	61	Faro	s 27	81	Majorca	s 29	84
Berlin	f 20	68	Geneva	s 24	75	Malaga	s 27	81
Bermuda	s 27	81	Gibraltar	s 27	81	Malta	s 28	82
Biarritz	s 23	73	Guernsey	c 17	63	Manchstr	c 16	61
Birmingham	c 18	64	Helsinki	f 17	63	Miami	s 31	88
Bristol	s 20	68	Innsbruck	c 18	64	Mongrel	f 21	70
Brussels	s 17	63	Istanbul	s 29	84	Moscow	s 24	75
Budapest	s 25	77	Jersey	c 18	64	Munich	f 19	66
Chicago	c 18	64	L Palmas	s 25	77	Naples	s 25	77
Cardiff	c 18	64	Lisbon	c 24	75	New York	s 24	75
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Oslo	s 20	68
Paris	f 21	70
Reykjavik	s 11	52
Rome	s 27	81
Rondsbrg	c 16	61
Stockholm	s 19	66
Tel Aviv	s 34	93
Toronto	c 20	68
Vienna	c 21	70
Warsaw	f 19	66
Zurich	s 30	86

Yesterday

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At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm Sep

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Bridlington	5.2	—	17
Gorleston	8.2	—	18
Clacton	8.4	—	21
Margate	10.4	—	20
S COAST			
Hastings	4.6	—	20
Eastbourne	6.8	—	19
Brighton	7.2	—	19
Worthing	8.5	—	20
Bognor R	5.9	—	20
Southsea	4.4	—	21
Sandown	3.9	—	20
Bournmouth	5.4	—	20
Exmouth	4.7	—	20
Torquay	2.5	—	20
Falmouth	1.8	—	19
W COAST			
Morecambe	0.3	.08	17
Blackpool	1.4	.16	17
Southport	1.0	.02	17
Ilfracombe	—	—	18

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HOME NEWS

Theatre Museum to be housed in Covent Garden flower market

By Kennert Gosling
Arts Reporter

Covent Garden is to house the proposed Theatre Museum. After months of argument and speculation, the decision was announced yesterday by Mr Jenkins, minister responsible for the arts. It ensures that the Fine Rooms at Somerset House, for long expected to be the museum's home, will be available for another purpose, such as a permanent Turner exhibition.

The Department of the Environment, which is responsible for Somerset House, will begin consulting "appropriate bodies", national galleries and others, to find an alternative use for the Fine Rooms.

Negotiations between the Greater London Council and the department on the terms and conditions of leasing the basement of the Flower Market at Covent Garden, where the museum will be located, will probably take some time, the GLC said yesterday.

While the building programme is still to be resolved, it is understood the museum could be ready to move into this heart of theatreland by late 1977 or early 1978. At present prices the cost of the building work is estimated at £330,000.

During an adjournment debate in March Mr Jenkins told the Commons that, since a number of the supporters of the Theatre Museum had come to the conclusion that the Fine Rooms at Somerset House did not provide the ideal background for the museum, he was ready to consider any alternative that could be accommodated within available resources and could better meet the needs of the museum, both as to time and accommodation.

He announced that he was in touch with the GLC and the Department of the Environment about the possibility of using the Flower Market.

Mrs Jean Merriton, chairman of the GLC's Covent Garden development committee, said the museum was being found the kind of accommodation it wanted, and as far as the GLC was concerned it was the right place.

The basement of the Flower Market would provide the storage room needed and it was a place that would respond to the theatre's inventive needs.

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Canon quits conference over priests' votes issue

By Robert Nowell

Canon Cornelius Beausang, of Worcester Park, Surrey, resigned yesterday from the National Conference of Priests during its final sessions in Birmingham because, he said, the body was not representative of Roman Catholic diocesan priests in England and Wales.

The sixth annual meeting was attended by 86 delegates representing 5,000 priests.

Canon Beausang said he was there with only six votes from among the 365 priests of the Southwark diocese, which he represents. Others were there with only seven votes, one with only one. "A massive abstention cannot be regarded as a vote in favour", he said. "Only the priests can make the NCP a representative body, and quite obviously they have not done so."

In his concluding address, the Right Rev Derek Worlock, Bishop of Portsmouth, emphasized the bishops' backing for the NCP as the only officially approved representative body of priests in Britain and said the bishops had recommended an election procedure which normally would ensure a vote of between 60 and 70 per cent.

Establishment of Scottish Assembly before next election still not certain

From Ronald Faux
Edinburgh

It is almost a year since the Scottish Council of the Labour Party was firmly steered by the national executive in London into supporting the concept of a Scottish assembly.

In that year there has been little sign that the most stalwart opponents of devolution have altered their hostility, although the Scottish Council maintains a public face in favour of the Government's commitment to set up an assembly. It accepts the need to avoid losing votes to the Scottish National Party, but a majority within the council supports an assembly with only minimum powers.

Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for West Lothian, who is chairman of the Scottish parliamentary group and vice-chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, is the only member openly to oppose the idea of an assembly, and as the date for publication of the White Paper on the subject draws nearer, he is looking round for other bold souls to support him. That there is to be an assembly is now a fact of political life, forced on the Government by the success of the SNP, and accepted in as many months as it took years to reorganize local government in Scotland.

As the stated time approaches for the assemblymen to take their seats in Edinburgh, nothing is yet known about their number or their authority. But all political parties are becoming acutely aware of the difficulties involved and of the need for the Government to "get it right first time", especially since it seems likely that there would be strong government opposition to any tinkering after the assembly has been established.

Many Scottish socialists fear the assembly is being set up at a time when public expectations are rising as dramatically as prosperity is falling, and that any shortcomings in the assembly will be blamed on a lack of power. If more authority is given, perhaps in response to further pressure from the nationalists, the slippery slope leading to the break-up of the United Kingdom could have been reached.

What may force delay and allow more time for debate is the overburdened state of parliamentary business. Even though the Government has given devolution a high priority it is doubtful whether it will be possible to set up the assembly on schedule.

If the Tories, Liberals and SNP joined together to support a system of proportional representation for the assembly, or if the proposals were too "maximalist" for the Tories to stomach, the Bill could be defeated. Time and opposition could yet allow the Government to enter the next general election saying, honourably, of its commitment to set up an assembly: "Sorry, but we tried hard."



'Piano Hands', one of a collection of offset litho prints on show at Canada House, London, until September 26. The collection represents the work of 18 artists from Open Studio, in Toronto.

Waving the Nato flag in the Forth

From a Staff Reporter
Edinburgh

One of the world's largest warships, the 95,000-ton aircraft carrier USS Nimitz, dropped anchor in the river Forth yesterday.

The Royal Naval dockyard upstream at Rosyth, would have been happy to play host to the nuclear-powered American ship, with its crew of 5,000 and flight deck the size of four football fields, but there was some doubt whether it could get under the Forth Bridge.

Instead it lay like a new island 12 miles towards the river mouth, buzzing with helicopters and small boats.

The carrier is part of a small but highly potent American Navy task force visiting Britain. With the Nimitz are the guided missile cruiser South Carolina and the attack submarine Seahorse, both nuclear-powered. There could be little doubt this was intended to be an impressive flag-waving exercise.

The Nimitz, we were told, could operate for 13 years without refuelling, and had a complement of more than 100 aircraft, including supersonic attack planes and anti-submarine tracking aircraft.

Public relations staff have supplied exhaustive statistics. The ship has, it seems, 6,200 beds and weighs as much as 47,000 cars. The paymaster hands out $900,000 a month in salaries, and the galley serves 2,700lb of meat a day. There is also a $2.5m colour television studio and medical facilities which would shame some hospitals ashore.

The Nimitz was commissioned last May and has completed her operational shake-down.

Five burnt in blast

A badly burnt workman drove three companions and a boy aged four eight miles to a Chesterfield hospital yesterday after they suffered burns in a factory explosion at Ashover, Derbyshire. They were in a satisfactory condition last night.

Teaching of comparative religion in schools 'no substitute for Christianity'

From Tim Devlin
Education Correspondent
Oxford

The teaching of comparative religion in religious education was not a substitute for Christianity, the Rev Patrick Barry, headmaster of Ampleforth College and chairman of the Headmasters' Conference, told the conference of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools in Oxford yesterday.

Criticizing the recent recommendation by the National Foundation for Educational Research that lessons in Leninism and Marxism should be included in the religious education syllabus, he gave a warning that the whole question of schools' Christian tradition was under attack.

"The secular state will not embody Christianity in the foreseeable future. The best we can hope for is that it will maintain the rights of minorities", he said.

"We are faced with the growth in schools of the teaching of comparative religion.

"We do not wish to impose our faith on others. But in response to parents' wishes we wish to convey the faith of parents to their children. The Christian belief provides a precise view of what man is. Man is not a creature of this world only. He is an amphibian moving on to another world", he added.

Mr M. M. Jones, bursar of Radley School, said that preparatory schools would face a much more serious economic difficulty in the next two to five years. The conference might not be able to make its full impact felt before next year, but he was sure there were many to whom the symptoms were uncomfortably apparent.

He said: "Our clientele is as hard hit as anyone in that net incomes simply cannot keep pace with rising fees and are continually eroded by the effects of the set taxation threshold. It seems inescapable that for the present time private boarding education will be afforded only by a diminishing few."

But there were welcome signs. Many parents would make real sacrifices to avoid the headlong stampede towards comprehensive education.

The long-term effect of the capital transfer tax and the proposed welfare tax were uncertain but "it seems that education will have some increase in value. It is becoming one of the assets which a parent may actually pass on to his child", Mr Jones added.

Belgian accused of murder bid

Albert Messhen, aged 30, a Belgian accused of attempted murder, was remanded at Marylebone yesterday for trial at the Central Criminal Court.

M Messhen, unemployed and homeless, is charged with attempting to murder Inspector Derek Croft at the Holiday Inn, Marylebone; illegal possession of a Sten gun, a loaded Browning automatic, a magnum revolver and ammunition, and having the Browning intending to resist arrest.

Silver attracts brisk bidding

There was brisk bidding for silver yesterday at Phillips's London sale room, where there is no buyers' premium. A routine sale yielded £13,064, slightly above estimate.

Silverman paid £600 for a Victorian tea and coffee service by Barnard Brothers (estimate £600-£700) and a George III three-piece tea set by William Nowlan, of Dublin, went to Black for £500. A sale of stamps made £17,011, with an album collection of nineteenth-century stamps going to a dealer for £1,020, three times its estimate.

Welsh Assembly 'should not get university control'

University education should not be one of the functions devolved to any Welsh Assembly that emerges as a result of the Government's impending White Paper, Professor Ivor Gowan, head of the department of political science at Aberystwyth University College, said at a University of Wales administration conference at Aberystwyth yesterday.

He said that although the Kilbrandon report indicated that university education was probably not suitable for devolution, the situation was fluid

But university opinion was against any change in the present arrangements. It was essential to the nature of the university system, he said, that the broad strategy and the allocation of resources should be determined on a United Kingdom basis.

Four more strike pickets are discharged

Four more strike pickets arrested after a disturbance at a Newcastle building site last January were discharged at Newcastle Crown Court yesterday.

Judge Myrella Cohen quashed indictments accusing them of using threatening words and behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. No objection was offered by the prosecution.

On Thursday four other pickets were similarly dealt with and another was discharged after Judge Roderick Smith ruled that there was no case for him to answer on a charge of possessing an offensive weapon, a stone.

The tenth picket arrested at the time, Mr Robert Henderson, aged 23, of South Shields, will face a new trial on Monday charged with assaulting a police officer.

After a four-day hearing the jury failed to reach agreement on Thursday and he was given bail.

Police to interview man in Paris over Davis 'alibi'

By Michael Horsnell

Police investigating the case of George Davis, the London minicab driver who was sentenced to 20 years after being found guilty of taking part in a payroll robbery, are to interview a man in Paris who claims that Mr Davis was with him at the time the robbery was committed.

The man, who is aged 39 and comes from Finland, is said to have worked as a minicab driver for the same company as Mr Davis in Bow, east London.

According to a report being studied by the police, he was on duty with Mr Davis at the time of the robbery, but he failed to inform the police because he had entered Britain illegally. He is said to be now ready to give evidence.

Det Supt Jack Moulder, of Hertfordshire CID, who was called in by Scotland Yard to head the investigation, will also examine new evidence which is believed to implicate two other men in the robbery.

Mrs Rose Davis said yesterday that she was sure that evidence now coming to light would prove her husband's innocence.

"George knows of the campaign which has been mounted to get him out of prison and he now believes he will get his release. He was in good spirits when I last saw him", she said.

Part of the campaign to secure Mr Davis's release was the sabotaging of the Headingley Test match pitch last month. Four persons have been charged in connexion with the incident.

Light potato crop pushes up chip and crisp prices

By Hugh Clayton

Food processors plan to charge more for chips and crisps because a light crop has trebled the price of potatoes. Birds Eye Foods, which raised the price of frozen chips 10 days ago, has already asked for another increase.

Mr Ronald Grosvenor, technical operations manager for Birds Eye vegetables, said: "We are very concerned about what is going to happen in the October/November period, when we could lose money." The increase applied for, which the Price Commission is examining, was smaller than the company believed it could justify, he added.

McCain International, the largest producer of frozen chips in Britain, said it was adding "an emergency surcharge of around 7p a pound" to its catering supplies of chips.

"The triple increase in potato prices means that McCain must pay the farmer over £100 a ton, compared with only £30 a ton before the summer", the company said. "With the great scarcity of British potatoes, keeping supplies coming in has not been easy. We have brought in shiploads of McCain French fries from Canada, which we have supplied to the British caterer at well below cost."

Golden Wonder, which produces more than a third of crisps eaten in Britain, said that it had asked the Price Commission for leave to raise the price of a small packet from 4½p to 5p. "This has come about through the wonderful summer we have had", the company said.

The hot weather after late frosts had restricted the potato crop while stimulating demand for snacks like crisps. Potato processors said yesterday that they were confident of maintaining supplies of their products, but were worried by the absence of the usual seasonal fall in crop prices.

Findus said it had raised the price of frozen chips from less than 12p a pound to 15p in the past two months, and Ross Foods announced increases of up to 15p in the pound on many frozen foods, including chips.

Milk may be rationed in the winter, Tory says

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

There was a danger of milk rationing in the next two winters, Mr Michael Jopling, Opposition spokesman on agriculture, said yesterday. He is to see Mr Peart, Minister of Agriculture, on Monday about supplies.

He said there was pressure from farmers for the diversion of milk from liquid sales to butter and cheese. That was a reference to a meeting on Thursday at Exeter at which hundreds of farmers voted for such a policy.

Government policy, as operated by the Milk Marketing Board, is to maintain supplies of liquid milk at the expense of the manufacture of butter and cheese. No butter is being made in Britain, apart from a little in Scotland.

Mr Jopling said that if supplies were diverted there would be "serious danger that housewives will face milk rationing in the coming winter". Rationing was also likely in the winter of 1976-77, because of the low rate of expansion of the national dairy herd.

It became clear yesterday that the Milk Marketing Board would resist attempts by farmers to have milk switched from the liquid market. The board is expected to concentrate instead on pressing the Government to secure an increase in the British milk price at a meeting of EEC farm ministers at the end of this month.

A spokesman for the board said yesterday that there was only one solution to the dairy crisis, a substantial increase in milk producers' prices. He added that the Minister of Agriculture had the power to overrule decisions of the board.

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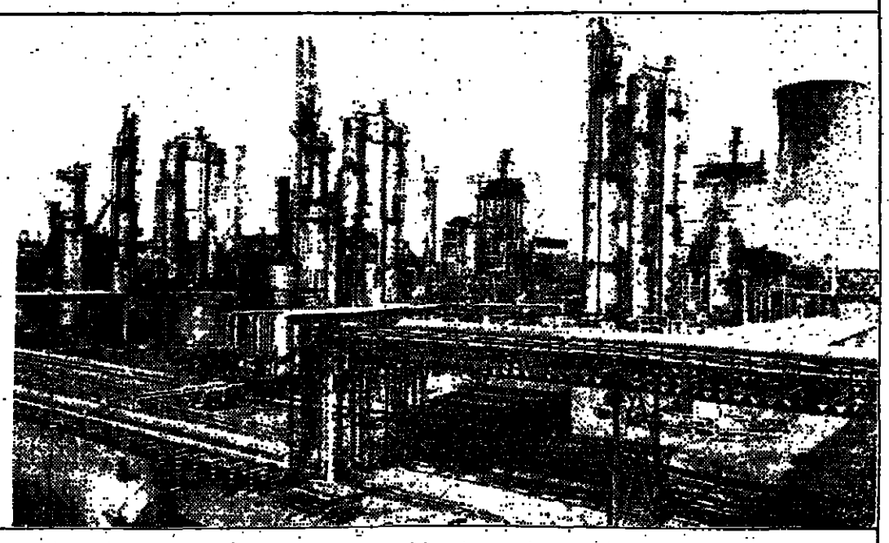
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Questions on MPs' crockery not answered

From Our Correspondent
Westminster

Mr Peter Williams, president of the British Ceramic Manufacturers' Federation, yesterday described talks with the House of Commons catering committee over its decision to buy German crockery as a whitewashing exercise.

He had wanted to know why present suppliers were not good enough, why the contract was urgent, and why the ban on "Made in Germany" had been removed. Those questions had not been answered.

He said: "We wish to register our dissatisfaction at the way between MPs and catering committee members, which have become a whitewashing operation."

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MPs vandal plan

Vandals should help to repair damage they damage, and thugs who did help in hospital casualty departments, Mr Robert Cryer, MP for Keighley, has told the Home Secretary, urging new legislation.

Channel tunnel tolls up

The Government has approved an increase in tolls in the Channel tunnel from 12½p to 15p for a car and 40p instead of 30p for a goods vehicle or bus.

Richard Dimbleby and the BBC

Most of his working life Richard Dimbleby fought a battle with the BBC. After an early success as a war correspondent he was treated so contemptuously that in 1945 he resigned. The full story is told in the *Sunday Times* tomorrow when the first extract from Richard Dimbleby's biography by his father, to be published by Hodder and Stoughton on October 6.

TUC/BLACKPOOL

Government must act on jobs by autumn, Mr Murray says

From Tim Jones
Labour Staff

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC made it clear yesterday that he expected the Government to act this autumn to protect jobs. He was speaking after a congress haunted by the spectre of growing unemployment and short-time working.

Starting next week, Mr Murray and members of the general council will hold a series of meetings with ministers on a whole range of subjects, with priority given to unemployment.

Referring to the congress's decision to back the £6 a week pay policy, he said: "One of the central objectives of this policy is the need to protect jobs. That message has gone out loud and clear this week, and gone out to members of the Government."

The decision had helped to consolidate the social contract and further strengthen the relationship between the Government and the TUC. "Decisions taken at this congress will make it much easier for the Chancellor to start judicious and selective reflation of the economy," he said. "The reaction from abroad seems to be very favourable, and that should help the Chancellor."

Mr Murray added: "We shall all be looking for action this autumn to protect jobs."

He was sure the decision to back the pay policy would be endorsed by an overwhelming number of trade unionists. "I welcome the response of unions which have argued against the policy and have subsequently indicated that they will abide loyally by the decisions of congress", he said.

But neither Mr Murray nor the Government can be confident that the policy will succeed until they know the outcome of the next meeting of the executive committee of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers. The union, which is led by Mr Hugh Scanlon, rejected any form of incomes policy at its conference at Hastings earlier this year, and the executive will decide whether to adhere to the TUC decision.

Many of the union's 1,400,000 members have been caught by the £6 pay limit. Their wage settlement earlier this year was over three stages ending next February, and the next rise under that deal would have to be regarded as part of the £6.

Mr Murray said the TUC had written to Mr Healey reminding him of the importance it attached to the development of adequate systems of monitoring economic developments. It would be holding almost continuous meetings with the Government to discuss the whole policy.

People were beginning to see that an incomes policy could be dynamic and active and there could be demands for improved wages in the right circumstances.

Mr Murray shrugged his shoulders when asked how he thought he would feel at the next congress in a year's time. "I may be dabbing my eyes, but I hope I shall be rubbing my hands", he said.

Too many foreign-made parts in British cars

Mr Harry Wood, general secretary, National Society of Metal Mechanics, complained about the amount of foreign-made components in British cars. He successfully moved a motion criticizing manufacturers who received government loans and then bought components from foreign manufacturers, and calling on the Government to make those manufacturers buy British.

But for the Labour Government, he said, they would almost certainly not now have a British car industry. The £1,400m investment promised for British Leyland should save the jobs of probably a million people, and British Leyland must have some regard to the employment of those involved indirectly in the car industry. There were no British locks, door handles or boot latches on any of the firm's 18-22 models, the first time that he could recall such a thing happening in his 25 years of association with the car industry. All were being supplied by foreign firms.

"If you look in a BMC engine you will probably find that most of the electrical equipment is produced by Joseph Lucas, or you will think so because the Joseph Lucas name is on it. But 50 per cent is being produced in Japan and Hongkong and sold to British Leyland under the name or Joseph Lucas", he said.

"It is estimated that 50 per cent of the glass comes from Belgium. If we want a British car, it should be a British car and not a British-built car of foreign manufacture."

Mr Sidney Weighell, general secretary, National Union of Railwaymen, pleaded for an export drive for British-made railway equipment. He moved, and the congress carried, a motion expressing deep concern that valuable export opportunities were being ignored for railway equipment and systems. The motion asked the general council to exert pressure on the Government for the expansion of publicly owned railway workshops to meet the demand.

He said export opportunities worth £10,000m were waiting to be picked up. "Instead of Peter Shore appealing to Arthur Scargill not to buy a Volvo, and to the rest of us not to buy a Toyota, he should get up off his backside and help us to sell railway trains and equipment to the world", he added.

Election-time opinion polls 'undemocratic'

Mr Daniel McGarvey, president, Amalgamated Society of Boilermakers, Shipwrights, Blacksmiths and Structural Workers, moved that the Government should be asked to introduce legislation to restrict the "undemocratic" activities of opinion polls during a general election. He said that if poll organizers had their way they would do away with the congress and take polls on motions instead.

He found it hard to accept the claim that polls were independent of political parties.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Leslie Buck, general secretary, National Union of Sheet Metal Workers, Coppersmiths and Heating and Domestic Engineers, moved a motion, which was accepted, welcoming the Bill to nationalize the shipbuilding and aircraft industries and regretting the delay in its progress. The motion also sought the establishment of tripartite organizing committees to develop policy programmes to meet the immediate needs of industries awaiting nationalization.

Chancellor urged to link tax and price rises

A motion calling on the general council to urge the Chancellor of the Exchequer to raise tax allowances on a regular basis in line with changes in the price level was agreed.

Mr Brian Stanley, general secretary of the Post Office Engineering Union, moving it, said that last year the congress had agreed on a target minimum wage of £30. But even now the tax threshold started below that figure and a man with two young children earning £30 a week paid £1.70 in tax, a significant proportion of his total income and far too much. He should not pay tax at all at that level.

A motion calling for a TUC critique to correct the "distortions" of the media and to provide a refutation of anti-trade union propaganda was agreed to.

Mr Ron Bowey, of the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, moving it, said that "months of complex negotiation are regularly travestied into outrageous and childish demands in the name of news values, lively presentation and entertainment".

Equality for workers during mergers demanded

Early legislation to extend industrial democracy was urged in a motion from the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff.

The legislation should ensure that employees had equal rights with shareholders in merger situations, the motion said. Policy-making or supervisory boards should have 50 per cent union representation and the establishment at all levels below the main boards of trade unionists' committees to whom lower levels of management would be accountable for the general efficiency of plant organization and operation and the implementation of main board policies.

Mr Roy Grantham, general section of Apex, said that the real decisions on investment, product change and changes in plant were taken by boards of companies, and trade unions could no longer operate by merely responding to or opposing the consequences of such decisions weeks, months or years after they had been taken.

The Government had saved 50 companies, employing 750,000 workers, from bankruptcy and had required management and stewards to work out general policies together for saving those companies. That could not be cast on one side when the plans drawn up were implemented.

Trade union members must be involved at all levels

Mr Michael Townsend, Society of Post Office Executives, said that his union wholeheartedly accepted the need for involving all working people in the conduct of firms and businesses in which they worked, but they had reservations about direct involvement in the management process.

The motion was carried.

Shut playgrounds blamed for some vandalism

The country was reaping the harvest of growing vandalism, Mr Howell, Minister of Sport for Sport and Recreation, said. Vandalism flourished and, as he knew to his cost, hooligans went on the rampage because people who ought to be playing sport spent their time watching and not doing something constructive.

He said that school playgrounds were locked up in the holidays and works sports facilities were underused during the week. Many unemployed could get some happiness and involvement from their use. There was no attempt by many local authorities to organize leisure programmes.

The congress carried a motion, moved by Mr Howell on behalf of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff, expressing concern at the growing social stress in the cities and the need to create new social policies to cope with it.

A major British film studio should be taken into public ownership to act as the nucleus for the country's film industry, Mr Alan Sapper, secretary, Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, said.

The congress carried a resolution moved by Mr Sapper calling for the immediate provision of £10m to refinance the National Film Finance Corporation. The motion reiterated that "the long-term perspective must remain a publicly owned and accountable film industry, but that immediate interim measures to ensure survival are not indispensable".

The congress carried a motion calling on the Government to require multinational companies to be accountable to the nation. It also urged the Government, in a motion moved by Mr William Keyes, secretary, Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, to pursue every opportunity to take those companies into public ownership, to render them incapable of adversely affecting the economic and social well-being of the nation.

Mr Keyes said that trade unions throughout the world should come together with a collective policy for dealing with the excesses of the multinational companies.

WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

W European socialists to back free Portugal

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Herr Willy Brandt, the former West German chancellor, was elected chairman of a committee of socialist leaders yesterday whose aim is to promote democracy and socialism in Portugal.

At a meeting arranged by Mr Wilson, at 10 Downing Street yesterday, when Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Socialist leader, was present, the committee agreed to work for democracy in Portugal, the free flow of information, the right to establish democratic trade unions, the development of socialism, and prevention of the isolation of Portugal.

The members of the Committee of Friendship and Solidarity with Democracy and Socialism in Portugal, who were all present at the meeting, are Herr Brandt, Mr Wilson, Mr Olof Palme, the Swedish Prime Minister; Mr Joop den Uyl, the Netherlands Prime Minister; Dr Bruno Kreisky, the Austrian Chancellor, and M François Mitterrand, the French Socialist Party leader.

Herr Brandt said that their aim, while avoiding any interference, was to work as a friendship and solidarity committee, nationally as well as internationally.

Activities discussed yesterday included visits to Portugal, invitations to political and military leaders in Portugal to visit other West European countries, solidarity campaigns—a special Portuguese Day is being considered—and support for technical and economic aid to Portugal.

M Mitterrand said that they were also making an appeal for clemency to the Spanish Government on behalf of two Basques who had recently been sentenced to death. He hoped that this solemn call in the name of international socialism would be heeded.

Dr Soares, answering press questions, said the Socialist Party was engaged in consultations with the Prime Minister-designate in Portugal on the formation of a new government. They had set certain conditions for participation, but the situation was very difficult.

He added that as the Socialist Party was not allowed to receive financial help from abroad, funds raised on its behalf were being used for conferences and educational purposes. But as the largest party in Portugal, with the widest popular support, they did not need to make requests for funds.

The most important thing was the political support they received, and, through this, to bring economic and political aid to Portugal. "We are convinced that thanks to the resistance of the Portuguese people it will be impossible to establish a communist dictatorship in Portugal," Dr Soares said.

Wilson rejection of Mrs Hart's Lisbon comment

Mr Wilson yesterday dissociated himself and the Government from recent remarks made by Mrs Judith Hart, his former Minister of Overseas Development about the political situation in Portugal. Mrs Hart was reported to have said that Portuguese democracy was threatened by the right wing, not by the Communists.

The Prime Minister commented on Mrs Hart's statement during a press conference after a meeting of European socialist leaders at Downing Street to discuss ways of helping socialists in Portugal.

Dr Mario Soares, the former Portugese Foreign Minister and leader of the country's Socialist Party, was asked about his reactions to Mrs Hart's statement in Lisbon that there was no question of a threat to the new political freedom of the country except from the right.

Mrs Hart was reported as saying the threat was from the right because it contained elements of fascism. "This, and not a left abandonment of democracy, has been the cause of violence in the north in the last three weeks", she said.

Before Dr Soares could reply, Mr Wilson said the Portuguese socialist leader had been busy trying to establish socialist democracy in the country.

"What has been said and written does not in the slightest degree represent the views of the Government



Security agents hustle President Ford away to the state Capitol building after the incident.

Attempt on President Ford's life

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woman, was reported by news agencies as saying that the President, coming along the line, "went over to shake her hand, and he saw this gun—the gun is what he saw, I think the President saw the gun first and he put his hand up and hunched over . . ."

She said her friend, Linda, saw the gun in the assailant's handbag, and then "fell to the ground when she saw what was happening".

Mr Buendorf, the Secret Service bodyguard, was walking directly behind the President when he reached forward to grab the assailant's arm. A local radio reporter said he had then seen President Ford himself forced to the ground by two Secret Servicemen trying to protect him with their bodies.

He said they then picked up the President and raced him into the Capitol, to the office of the Governor, Mr Edmund Brown.

This is the first attempt on President Ford's life, although the Secret Service has recently reported an increase in the number of threats on him. Earlier today a man had been detained in Florida after walking into a police office saying he wanted to kill Mr Ford.

The attempt casts a shadow over the coming year of presidential campaigning. There is simply no protection — but quick reflexes and good luck—for candidates who insist on meeting the people on the streets.

Vice-President Rockefeller, first in line of succession to Mr Ford, said: "It is a tragic situation that people resort to an attempt of that kind." He said it was the risk "you take if you go into public life".

Mr Ford's address went off without incident in spite of a telephone threat that there was a 60lb bomb inside the state Capitol set to go off in the President's presence. Nothing was reported found.

Washington, Sept 5.—Mrs Betty Ford learnt of the assassination attempt within minutes of the incident, a White House spokesman said.

"It's something you just have to live with", the President's wife said later through a spokesman. "I'm very grateful to the Secret Service and the great job they do."

The first lady remained in the family living quarters of the executive mansion and had a delayed lunch, apparently alone, about mid-afternoon.

Asked about Mrs Ford's emotional state, the spokesman, said she was happy and relieved that her husband was safe.—Reuter.

Union money gives a breather to New York

From Peter Strafford
New York, Sept 5

New York today scraped past one more debt deadline, and remained solvent for at least a few more days. But the longer term problem of how to prevent the city from defaulting on its financial obligations remained unresolved.

Today's relief came from New York's municipal employees' unions, who agreed to buy $100m (about £50m) worth of special bonds. They rushed the money to the city's bank accounts so that it could meet payments of about $120m that it had to make today.

The unions' move was the outcome of long negotiations, and reflects the concern of many people to prevent New York from going into default. No one quite knows what would happen, but it would be likely to hit big and small investors, cause widespread lay-offs in New York, and affect municipal bond issues across the United States.

Many people consider that New York will not ultimately be able to avoid going into default. In Washington, Mr Henry Reuss, chairman of the House banking committee, said the default was likely, and it could start a chain of bank failures.

"The Administration and the Federal Reserve Bank should bring their plan for salvaging New York and our beleaguered cities to the Hill", Mr Reuss said.

The Administration, however, has so far made a point of remaining uninvolved in New York's troubles, at least publicly. Mr Hugh Carey, Governor of New York State, went to Washington this week to try to get President Ford's support, and he returned with little to show for his journey.

In Los Angeles, Mr Stephen Gardner, Deputy Secretary of the Treasury, said that New York's well publicized troubles were already making it hard for other American cities

Meanwhile hopes are being placed in a plan that is to come before the New York state legislature in Albany, the state capital. It has been put forward by the Municipal Assistance Corporation and is backed by Mr Carey.

The main object is to authorize MAC to raise another $2,300m in bonds in addition to the $3,000m already authorized, to meet New York's bills until December. But a series of provisions would as good as remove control of the city budget from the local politicians and put it in the hands of state appointees.

White House powers to be curbed

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Sept 5

The peacetime emergency powers of the American President are to be curbed by Congress much in the way his war making powers have already been limited by law.

The necessary Bill passed the House of Representatives yesterday. The Senate approved it in an earlier session and it will now be resubmitted there before being presented for Mr Ford's signature.

The votes (388 to 5 in the House, and unanimous in the Senate) leave the President little hope of having any veto

The Bill would end four existing states of emergency, beginning with one proclaimed in 1933 by President Roosevelt. It would make future proclamations subject to stringent conditions and provide simpler rejection mechanisms for Congress.

Under the existing states of emergency, presidents have had draconian statutory powers available to them which almost suspended every constitutional right.

The principal feature of the Bill is that Congress could end a proclamation of national emergency by a majority vote of both houses

Four Syrians held by Dutch police

Amsterdam, Sept 5.—Dutch police said today they foiled a probable attempt by four heavily armed Syrians to take hostages in Holland for political reasons.

The four men and a Dutch woman accomplice were arrested early today, police said.

Suitcases found in the two rooms of a small hotel in Amsterdam where the Syrians were staying, contained two submachine guns, two pistols, a large quantity of ammunition, a dummy bomb, batteries and wires.

The group had been under surveillance since Wednesday when detectives became suspicious after seeing the Syrians' names in the hotel register. The list had been passed to the police under routine procedure.—AP.

Greek court told missing records were 'burnt'

From Mario Modiano
Athens, Sept 5

The mystery of the missing archives at the EAT-ESA security organization camp, where hundreds of Greek prisoners were said to have been tormented during the dictatorship, was solved today by one of the defendants in the Athens torture trial.

Major Elias Nikolopoulos told the court he had ordered the documents to be burnt as soon as the democratic government decided that EAT-ESA should revert to purely military duties.

The major, who has since been cashiered, said he was now under investigation about the missing papers. He protested in court: "If I had not burnt the files, we had on political personalities, I would probably be under investigation for keeping them."

It was clear, however, that the former commandants of EAT-ESA, now sitting in the dock had photographic copies of the most important papers in their possession.

The defendants did not even conceal in court the fact that they had sufficient evidence to challenge the credibility of prosecution witnesses or make disagreeable revelations about them.

When one of the defendants, Major Nikolaos Hatzizisis, carried a pile of papers to the stand and used them to discredit former prisoners, the prosecutor sought a court order to confiscate the documents as being part of the missing archives. Strangely, the court reserved judgment and the defendant was allowed to take them away.

Dr Kissinger to see Soviet minister over Sinai pact

From Our Own Correspondent
New York, Sept 5

Dr Kissinger, the United States Secretary of State, said today that he planned to meet Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, to tackle difficulties over the disengagement agreement between Egypt and Israel.

The meeting is expected to be held in New York when Mr Gromyko attends the annual session of the United Nations General Assembly later this month.

The immediate point at issue is the planned presence of 200 American civilians alongside the United Nations emergency force in Sinai. Any extension of the United Nations role in the area will need the approval of the Security Council, and the Russians could create difficulties there if they chose.

Dr Kissinger was speaking at a press conference at United Nations headquarters after he had met Dr Kurt Waldheim, the the Secretary-General. Both men emphasized the importance of the United Nations role in the disengagement agreement, and Dr Kissinger said he thought the difficulties could be overcome.

He said he thought Congress was already beginning to understand that the placing of American civilians in the area was not comparable with American involvement in Vietnam.

Damascus, Sept 5.—Syria today attacked Egypt's "strange and disgraceful" agreement with Israel.

In its strongest condemnation of Syria's Egyptian ally, the official Baath Party newspaper accused President Sadat of sacrificing the blood of thousands of martyrs who died in the Arab-Israel war of October, 1973.

"It is amazing that the great crossing of the Suez Canal and the destruction of the Israeli Bar Lev line, the greatest achievement of the Arabs in modern history, should become the subject of condemnation in Sadat's mouth when he agreed to the latest Sinai accord," the newspaper said.—AP.

Israelis walk out when Palestinian speaks

By George Clark
Political Correspondent

After all the wrangling about the rights and wrongs of the invitation to the Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) to address the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference in London, their debut yesterday must be reckoned a success.

After their spokesman, Mr Khaled el Hassan, had forcefully expounded his group's demand for the right to a free, democratic state, it was obvious, as speaker after speaker came to the rostrum, that the conference was divided in about the same proportions in their favour as it was a year ago in Colombo when it was decided to invite the PLO to the conference as observers with the right to speak. On that occasion it was 54 in their favour, and 33 against.

Judging by the applause yesterday for Mr Khaled el Hassan, and the later speeches, nothing has changed: there is a deep division within the IPU about the purpose of the annual forum.

There is the section, of which the British and the American delegations are a part, who believe that it was a violation of the rules that an organization which has shown that it will use terrorist methods to achieve its political aims should ever have been invited to speak; and there are the supporters of the Palestinian cause, including the newly independent nations, who have a voting majority.

That is not to say that Mr Abba Eban, the former Israel Foreign Minister, leading his delegation, did not present an impressive argument for peaceful cooperation and coexistence in the Middle East, building on the new settlement signed by Egypt and Israel in Geneva.

His speech was undoubtedly the best of the day, relying on an appeal to parliamentary democracy, and the rights of minorities as well as majorities.

He emphasized that the PLO had been invited as "an international organization", but, he said, that organization did not embody a parliamentary principle. "Parliaments work by speech and vote", he said. "The PLO acts by bomb and bullets for the purpose of destroying an existing sovereign parliament. So their presence here is a threat not to Israel but to the IPU itself, which has seen its principles, its aims and its legal integrity grossly violated."

But his declaration, which must have reminded many delegates of the late Sir Winston Churchill's phrase expressing a preference for "jaw-jaw, not war", lost some of its impact because when the Palestinian representative was called to speak the four Israel delegates and Lord Janner, a former president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, ostentatiously walked out in protest. They said it was disgraceful that the Palestinians were there and that their only claim to be an international organization was "in the realms of terror".

Mr Khaled el Hassan, applauded by many delegations, made a great point of the PLO claim that their invitation was a recognition of the Palestinian people, their cause, and their "legitimate struggle". Furthermore, he said, it represented the IPU's awareness of the Palestinian people's devotion to the democratic system.

He claimed that the Palestinian National Council now represented the Palestinian people democratically in all walks of life. He rem delegates of Count Bernadotte's partition plan of 1947 provided for the repatri "as soon as possible" of Palestinians to their land homes.

"The reaction of the Israelis", he said, "was to assassinate Bernadotte in Jerusalem of all places, and to seize 80 per cent of Palestine territory in 1948, and to follow this by conquering the rest of Palestine in Sinai, and the Golan in the aggression as a further step along the path of achieving their target of a greater Israel."

Mr Khaled el Hassan emphasized the resolve of the Palestinian people to press on with their struggle "to reverse the flagrant wrongs inflicted upon them". A solution of the Palestinian problems would, he said, save through the setting up of a Palestinian secular, democratic state in which all citizens would enjoy co-existence free from any racial or religious discrimination.

Sudan coup attempt crushed by tanks

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Sept 5

Loyalist forces crushed a coup attempt against President Nimeiry of Sudan today two hours after it was launched by an unknown group of rebel officers. The rebels seized control of Omdurman radio and claimed control of the country. But they were thwarted after a tank assault by President Nimeiry's forces.

Speaking over the radio later, President Nimiery described the attempt as a "hopeless act" and said that he had had "no difficulty at all putting an end to it". The Sudanese leader, who himself came to power in a military coup in 1969, scoffed at the plotters as a group "unable to control even a village".

The capital of Khartum was reported quiet, but scattered battles erupted throughout the day between army and security forces and the remnants of the rebel force. Omdurman radio called on all Sudanese to help root out the rebels and turn them over for "their just punishment".

This was not the first time General Nimiery had foiled a coup against him by opponents within the armed forces. In more dramatic circumstances, he put down a Communist coup in July 1971, when bitter street fighting left many dead and wounded. Since then, there have been reports of plots nipped in the bud.

The leader of the latest attempt was identified as Major Hassan Hussein Osman, an officer in the parachute regiment who came from virtual obscurity. He led a small number of dissident officers and men who were reported to have affiliations with both the Muslim Brotherhood and, curiously given the opposite ideologies, the Communists.

According to reports from Khartum, Major Osman was executed after loyalist forces regained control. This was not confirmed by the state radio, but General Muhammad Baghir Ahmed, the Vice President and Interior Minister, said that Major Osman had been "silenced forever".

The rebels launched their attempt in the early hours of the morning, shooting their way into the radio station. They then announced that they had taken control and declared that the Cabinet and the country's only political party, the Sudan Socialist Union, had been disbanded. They announced themselves as members of the National Front.

Although they gave no hint of their political identity, the rebels said they had seized power to rid the country of those "who had been suffocating struggles against [illegible]ism". After the 19[illegible] attempt the regime ma[illegible] apparatus of the Co[illegible] Party in Sudan, exec[illegible] Abdul Khalek Mahg[illegible] party chief, and other[illegible]

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S Africa lifts house arrest order on former priest

From Our Correspondent
Cape Town, Sept 5

The banning and house arrest order imposed on Mr Cosmas Desmond, a former Roman Catholic priest, has been lifted by Mr J. T. Kruger, the South African Minister of Justice.

Mr Desmond was placed under house arrest four years ago, shortly before his book *The Discarded People*, which dealt with the resettlement of Africans, was banned in the Republic. He came to South Africa from Britain as a Franciscan missionary in 1959 and took out South African citizenship in 1968.

He cooperated in the making of a BBC television documentary *Discarded People*, which dealt with the same theme book.

The South African po[illegible] confirmed that a journalist, Mr Laurens[illegible]kin, aged 21, has been under the Terrorism [illegible] arrest comes after th[illegible] detention of Breyten[illegible]bach, the Afrikaans poe[illegible] Polley, a senior tutor [illegible] University of Cape To[illegible] student leaders.

The council of the u[illegible] today called for Mr P[illegible] be given access to legal [illegible] and to be brought to c[illegible] trial or released.

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Press bans alarm editors

From Our Correspondent
Madrid, Sept 5

Editors of 12 leading Spanish magazines today sent an outspoken letter to the Press Association Federation in Madrid expressing their "profound alarm and disgust" at the increasing number of magazine being banned.

Since the anti-terrorist decree came into force on August 27, five magazines have been seized and a further two had to change articles. The new de[illegible] creating many difficult[illegible] editors.

Under the decree, jou[illegible] face fines and jail terms [illegible]e responsible for pu[illegible] eports which defend, ad[illegible] pprove or praise illegal[illegible] utions or their member[illegible] nalists convicted of [illegible] offences may be dismisse[illegible] out recourse and publi[illegible] may be closed for period[illegible] ing from three months [illegible] year.

OVERSEAS

Whitehall accused of plot to find easy way out in Rhodesia

By David Spanier
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Enos Nkala, treasurer of the Zanu nationalist movement in Rhodesia, yesterday accused the British Government of scheming to win power for Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the rival Zapu movement.

Mr Nkala, who is one of the most influential members of the African National Council (ANC), representing all the nationalist movements, said in an interview that the British Government had been guilty of deceit.

"We know what they (the British) are doing because we have intercepted their documents. They are trying to find an easy way out in Rhodesia. They would like the ANC to arrange a new congress to elect Mr Nkomo, and do a deal with Mr Smith. They are working behind the scenes the whole time."

Asked if he could show the documents which have been intercepted by Zanu, Mr Nkala replied that this was not the right time to make them public.

"What the British should understand is that we want majority rule immediately in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) and we will never, never accept anything which falls short of that aim. That is the right of the Zimbabwe people and we shall not betray them, after 10 years of struggle."

As for the emergency meeting of the ANC executive in Salisbury this weekend, Mr Nkala described it as a farce. "What we would like is for Mr Nkomo to leave the Council altogether. He stands for a sell-out and Zanu has nothing to do with his policies, which are the policies of the British Government. If Mr Nkomo starts his own separate movement, that would be the best result for us. Then we can defeat him."

Mr Nkala said that at the Victoria Falls meeting, the ANC broached the question of the immediate transfer of power, and for a moment Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, seemed ready to discuss it further. But his advisers had pulled him up. By transfer of power Mr Nkala and his supporters mean a period of, say, a few months in which a black and white government would preside over Rhodesian affairs, to arrange for the full and final transfer of power to a black government.

"We have not come to the end of the line with Mr Smith", Mr Nkala continued. "We expect we shall have another meeting and we are ready to see him. But our policy is to fight and negotiate, as in Vietnam. We believe we can only get our independence by fighting. That is our policy."

Their immediate aim, beyond military training, was to sharpen and strengthen the personality of the ANC. All the principal offices were now controlled by members of Zanu and no decisions could be taken which did not accord with Zanu's programme. This was why, in order to redefine the ANC'S militant position, it was preferable for their opponents to leave it and go their own way.

So far as the military side was concerned, Mr Nkala made it clear that Zanu looked to Mozambique rather than Zambia. If Zambian policy was to turn away from the armed struggle, the Zanu forces would increasingly concentrate their operations base in Mozambique.

Our Lusaka Correspondent writes: The meeting of four African leaders to discuss the Rhodesian constitutional crisis has been postponed indefinitely.

The Zambian foreign ministry today confirmed that the arranged meeting between President Nyerere of Tanzania, President Samora Machel of Mozambique, President Sir Seretse Khama of Boswana, and President Kaunda of Zambia would not take place this weekend as previously arranged. The ministry refused to give any reason.

Since the meeting between the four leaders was announced three days ago a split among the leaders of the ANC has become evident.

Girl gives evidence in currency case

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 5

Teresa Ann Laws, aged 14, of Woolwich, London, spent most of today in the witness box in a juvenile court in Nairobi after the prosecution case against her and Lynn Francis, aged 16, had ended.

They have pleaded not guilty to charges of conspiring to smuggle £120,000 in foreign currencies out of Kenya.

Throughout several hours of examination by Mr Kenneth Fraser, her counsel, Teresa, showing no sign of emotion, described how she was offered a holiday in Kenya by Mrs Sushila Patel, at whose grocery shop in Woolwich she had a part time job.

She and her friend Lynn were met in Nairobi by Mrs Patel's husband, known as M. M. Patel, and their hotel bill was paid for them.

On the day they were to return to London, Mr Patel gave her a suitcase, in which he placed an ornamental lamp, saying it was for his wife. He also gave them two handbags. These were later found to contain large quantities of currency notes.

Teresa described how they were taken by Mr Patel to the airport where a customs officer detained them. She denied all knowledge of two suitcases which were consigned separately to London in her name.

The suitcases were subsequently returned to Kenya and were found to contain more foreign currency notes.

The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

Mrs Suzman opposes boycotts

Sydney, Sept 5.—Mrs Helen Suzman, the South African Progressive Party MP, who arrived in Sydney today on a lecture tour, rejected the idea of boycotts against South African sporting sides as a means of combating apartheid.

Such boycotts, she told a press conference, had brought no changes to national policies.

Hotly disputed clause in Canadian province's Bill over school proficiency tests in English

Challenge to new Quebec language rules

From Our Correspondent
Ottawa, Sept 5

The contentious issue of minority language rights in Quebec has been revived with the recent publication of regulations established under a Bill to make French the province's official language.

Among other things, the Quebec Government says that anyone wishing to obtain a catalogue or advertising brochure in English will have to request it in writing from the business concern involved. Anyone carrying a placard in a public demonstration would be required to ensure that the inscription was in French, or that French had equal prominence with any other language used.

The regulations elaborate provisions of the controversial Official Language Act, better known as Bill 22, which was passed by the Quebec National Assembly last year after the Liberal Government of Mr Robert Bourassa invoked closure to cut off debate.

This week, the Quebec Association of Protestant School Boards announced that it will test the constitutional validity of Bill 22 before the Quebec Superior Court. The association is primarily concerned with those clauses in the Bill having to do with education.

The most hotly disputed requires that children wishing to enter English-language schools should undergo language proficiency tests unless their mother tongue is English or they have brothers or sisters already in the English school system. The clause is aimed chiefly at immigrant families, most of whom, to the chagrin of the Quebec Government, have long opted to have their children educated in English rather than French.

The judicial case launched by the Protestant School Boards is widely expected to end up in the Supreme Court of Canada.

The regulations made public recently relate to a provision in last year's Bill, which was passed over stout opposition from English and other minority groups, that almost all advertising, public signs and commercial labels should be in French.

Mr Fernand Lalonde, the Solicitor-General, told reporters in Quebec City that the Government is counting largely on "denunciations from the public" to catch offenders. A first conviction carries a fine up to $500 (about £238) in the case of individuals and $1,000 in the case of companies.

Mr Lalonde's statement prompted Mr George Springate, a Liberal backbencher, to declare that the regulations will turn Quebec into a "Stalinist-style police state".

Apparently because of the hostile reaction from the English-speaking community, which makes up 20 per cent of Quebec's six million population, Mr Bourassa hinted at possible changes in the proposed regulations. "We are very open to suggestions on individual rights", he told a reporter. The regulations do not take effect until November.

Apart from newspapers and magazines, which are not affected by the language Bill, the regulations permit publication in a language other than French of non-commercial messages by an individual at his private residence; non-commercial messages intended only for members of a non-French ethnic group; and messages on placards marking a feast day or historic event.

The regulations appear designed in part for what one commentator called their "cosmetic" effect. streets in many of the province's cities, with their plethora of English-language signs and boarding advertisements, are indistinguishable from streets throughout the rest of North America. Mr Bourassa would like to make them more distinctive and more French.

Strains in East African Community over finances

From Our Correspondent
Nairobi, Sept 5

Strains in the East African Community, with accusations from Kenya and Tanzania that each has failed to fulfil its financial obligations to the Community, are underlining the urgent need of a review of the East African Treaty of Co-operation. Signed in 1967 it established the Community.

A meeting of ministers from Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda agreed last month on draft terms of reference for a review commission. They were asked to recommend an independent chairman. No details of these recommendations have yet been disclosed, as they must first be approved by the presidents of the three countries.

As the presidents have not met since the 1971 military coup in Uganda, because President Nyerere of Tanzania refuses to sit with President Amin of Uganda, all documents must be presented to each president in turn.

It is reported in Nairobi that Professor Alister McIntyre, secretary-general of the Caribbean Community, has been suggested as chairman of the review commission.

Times of Ceylon forced to cease publication

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Sept 5

The *Times of Ceylon* announced that it was ceasing publication this afternoon after 129 years. The closure was due to economic difficulties.

The proprietors will continue to publish the *Sunday Times*, the Ceylon *Daily Mirror* and the *Lankadipa*, a Sinhalese daily.

In the first century of its existence, the *Times of Ceylon* was British-owned and edited. It passed into Ceylonese hands in 1946 and there have been numerous changes in management since then.

Trotskyists backed by Sri Lanka unions

From Our Correspondent
Colombo, Sept 5

Mrs Bandaranaike's reconstituted Cabinet, composed of Freedom Party members with a solitary representative of the pro-Moscow Communists is settling down to a backlog of business. Cabinet meetings were not held during the past three weeks because of a dispute with the Trotskyist Equal Society Party whose three ministers were dismissed on Monday night.

Relations between the Freedom Party and the Trotskyists had deteriorated to the extent of affecting even minor appointments and day-to-day trade union activities. The Freedom Party, with the support of the pro-Moscow Communists, independents and nominated members can still command a two-thirds majority in the Assembly necessary to amend the constitution, but the Trotskyists have widespread support in the trade union movement.

Mrs Bandaranaike's partnership with the Trotskyists began on June 11, 1964 and survived five years in opposition.

The immediate cause of the present rift was reports in newspapers of a speech made by Dr D. M. Perera, the Trotskyist leader,

Dr Perera was reported to have said that the Trotskyists would leave the Government, in which he was Finance Minister, if the nationalization of tea companies was not carried out properly.

This remark was made in the context of Mrs Bandaranaike's decision to entrust the management of nationalized estates to the Minister of Agriculture, Mr Hector Kobbekaduwa of the Freedom Party, and not to Dr Colvin de Silva, the Trotskyist Minister of Plantation Industries.

In reviewing the political developments since independence, Dr Perera was also reported to have said that it was the commemorative meeting organized by the left which paved the way for Mr Bandaranaike's big victory in the 1956 general election.

Mrs Bandaranaike called on Dr Perera to stop indulging in vituperative politics, and after he had sent a conciliatory reply, she decided on a Cabinet reshuffle in which the Trotskyist leaders were given a choice of less important portfolios than they were holding.

The real beginning of the dispute, however, can be traced to Dr Perera's budget speech in November last year.

He said a survey of investment in industrial undertakings with a capital of more than 1m rupees (£60,600) had shown that, our of a total investment of 275m rupees, about 205m was held by 111 family groups.

After Dr Perera's speech, the Inland Revenue intensified investigations and raids on the offices and homes of a number of businessmen and particularly the new rich.

The political climate worsened when Dr Perera told a rally that the American Embassy had made substantial withdrawals from funds lying to its credit in the Government-owned Central Bank and that part of this money, which had been reinvested in privately owned banks, might be used for political purposes or subversion.

Mrs Bandaranaike was abroad at the time. On her return she made a statement in the National State Assembly that she had investigated the matter and was satisfied that there had not been any misuse of these funds.

Terrorists kill three police in Malaysia

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Sept 5.—Communist guerrillas have killed three paramilitary police field force men at Tapung, about 200 miles north of Kuala Lumpur and 10 miles from the Thai border.—AP.

Canoeist killed by practice shell

Hongkong, Sept 5.—A young Chinese man was killed today and a girl was hurt when their canoe strayed into a restricted area during shelling practice by British soldiers.—Reuter.

Saturday Bazaar

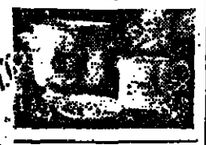
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Drink

Absorbing the Greek

Visitors to Greece and the Greek islands have a wide range of wines to try. Contrary to what some suppose, the Greek wines do not bear more than a superficial resemblance to those of Cyprus, and many are very much local products, not seen on export lists. To the outsider, local tastes may sometimes seem to favour wines that, according to our ideas, have been kept overlong in var or cask, so that the smell is dissipated, the acidity low and the wine may be slightly flabby, even sticky. But it is worth experimenting, especially with the pink and red wines, which can be agreeably full and soft while young. The pink wines are really more in the nature of lightish reds, dark in tone and sometimes with an apricot tinge to their colour. Those who dislike resinated wines, as I do, still have plenty of choice from local whites, although it is worth knowing that, out in the country, a bottle may be used as a carafe, so that something brought to the table in an opened bottle labelled Retsina may not be resinated at all.

Vermouth is particularly good in Crete, although the style is on the sweet side. Dittany, or *Origanum Dictamnus*, which is exported from Crete to many countries, gives the local vermouth a refreshing herby flavour. At the Minos Winery, at Peza, on the road beyond Knossos and near Vathypetro, where a four thousand year old wine press was excavated, it is related how vermouth is used as a disinfectant and dressing for scratches out in the country. Dittany was a strewing herb in medieval Britain and, in the varieties known as marjoram, is still much used in the kitchen; the Cretan variety makes a good herb tea. The Minos Winery also make red Castello, perhaps the best red wine of the island, well-balanced and fruity, and visitors to Knossos may find it interesting to go on for about half an hour's drive to Peza, picturesque amid vineyards, and see the Minos installations; as English is not spoken by the staff, it is wise to make preliminary arrangements to see round, and engage an interpreter.

Samos wines, famous since classical times, were the first of all Greek wines to have their name protected by legislation. The Muscat grape is particularly successful there, and in addition to the lightly luscious golden wine, a dryish white is also made. These Muscats, however, are at their best when young, as the bouquet declines with age and they maderize or deepen in colour, so if you can buy a Muscat in November, soon after the vintage, it will probably be most opulent, and good with dessert fruit or plain ices. Good Muscats are made in many other places, too, notably the Muscats of Patras and Rion.

Metaxas is the big name in Greek brandy—often locally produced brandies can be on the raw side for visitors. Qualities go up to seven stars, so the traveller ordering a three star brandy may receive an odd look from the barman—this is the toughish spirit of the labourer.

Metaxas also make table wines, which are becoming known through the many Greek restaurants in the UK. Their red wine, Bacchus, is quite full-bodied and their rosé, Kokkineli, deep tawny-red, more like a light red wine in style; both are good with Greek food and the robuster British dishes, such as matured cheeses, and meat pies. (Bacchus and Kokkineli, both about £1.27, from Saccone & Speed, 32 Sackville Street, W1, and branches in London.) Their island-bottled Samos, which would be enjoyable with fruit salad, fruit tarts and pastries, is a novelty for drinking at the end of the meal (£1.70 from Saccone & Speed).

The largest single independent installation in Greece—and the second largest in Europe—is that of Achaia-Clauss, at Patras, about three hours' drive from Athens, along a spectacular route that crosses the Corinth Canal. Achaia-Clauss were founded by a Bavarian in 1861 and the winery and some of the vineyards extend above Patras; the Clauss villa has plaques in the beautiful garden, terraced above the sea, commemorating the visits of various notables, including the tragic Empress Elisabeth of Austria, and our own Princess—later Queen—Alexandra. There are two chapels, a gigantic vathouse, numerous huge casks with decorated heads, a large bar and souvenir shop, and a tour of the winery, conducted by multi-lingual guides, is well worth while. Today the installation belongs to the Antonopoulos family, of Patras, who bought it in 1920, and who run it very much as a family concern, still living there and combining the use of the most modern equipment with an individuality and observance of tradition.


Bacchus, from Amman's Charta Lusoria, 1588.

Achaia-Clauss make the best-selling Greek red wine, Demestica, which is rounded and fruity, excellent for multi-purpose everyday drinking. The white Demestica is well-made, lighter than many Greek whites and certainly a good drink with Mediterranean fish—or the cod recipes of colder waters. Both of these are sold in the UK bearing their own Greek labels, as a mark of confidence in the shipper, who does the bottling here, which accounts for the low price. (Demestica red and white, 99p, from Norton & Langridge, Mitre Court, Wood St, London, EC2.) The quality red of Achaia-Clauss is Castel Danielis, a profounder wine, suitable for serving with roasts and grills and tasting even better if you can decant it a little beforehand. The white Santa Helena is rather softer than white Demestica but makes pleasant casual drinking between times. (Castel Danielis, 99p, Santa Helena, Greek bottled, £1.15, also from Norton & Langridge.)

The great dessert wine of Greece is Mavrodaphne, and although it is seldom offered by the glass in its homeland, it makes for pleasant leisurely sipping after meals, or with coffee, and certainly is good drinking with plain cake or biscuits between times. Mavrodaphne is definitely sweet, but has an underlying fruitiness and sunbaked flavour for balance, and I think it would appeal to anyone with dessert, or on occasions when a sweet sherry might otherwise be served. I prefer it slightly chilled. Metaxas' Mavrodaphne is dark plum red, fairly vigorous and could be a warming drink on a cold evening. The Achaia-Clauss Mavrodaphne is much browner and darker, lingering more on the palate, a good wine for the first nuts of autumn. A decanter of either would be a novel and enjoyable conclusion to a dinner, a comparison of the two an inexpensive and interesting demonstration of hospitality. (Metaxas Mavrodaphne about £1.30 from Saccone & Speed, Achaia-Clauss Mavrodaphne, £1.32 from Norton & Langridge.)

Do not restrict any of the wines to accompanying only Greek dishes. Because of their robust style and straightforward characters, they are suitable for many traditional British recipes, such as those that involve seasonings—mustard, vinegar, pepper—that make it hard to appreciate more delicate wines.

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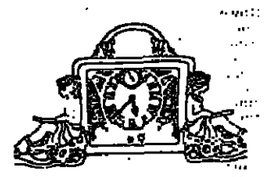
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The vision of Nick Jenkins

by Michael Ratcliffe

The final volume of 'A Dance to the Music of Time', Anthony Powell's incomparable sequence of 12 novels, is published on Monday. Michael Ratcliffe, Chief Book Reviewer of 'The Times', reviews the entire sequence and visits Powell at his Somerset home



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Widmerpool is dead, piteously destroyed by fanatic self-determination. There could be no other final measure to "A Dance to the Music of Time" and when *Hearing Secret Harmonies* is published on Monday Anthony Powell's incomparable sequence of 12 novels, begun a quarter of a century ago, will be complete.

The new novel ends, as *A Question of Upbringing* (1951) began, with the spectacle of snow descending on fire. Interring his most notorious character to sonorous enumerations from *The Anatomy of Melancholy*, Powell returns his narrator, Nicholas Jenkins, to his country home and to echoes of Poussin, whose painting in the Wallace Collection first announced the theme of cyclical patterns, giving the whole sequence its title:

The thudding sound from a quarry had declined now to no more than a gentle reverberation, infinitely remote. It ceased altogether at the long-drawn wail of a hooter—the distant poundings of centaurs' hoofs dying away, the last note of their conch trumpeted out over hyperborean seas. Even the formal measure of the Seasons seemed suspended in the wintry silence.

Incomparable? English critics have persistently compared Powell, to his disadvantage, with two other novelists who appear to have used similar techniques in covering some of the same social, military and Bohemian ground—Proust and Waugh. To read the entire sequence, however, and to talk with Powell himself, is to feel beyond doubt that "A Dance to the Music of Time" conjures entirely its own vision of Life and Death from a kind of chemical wedding between seventeenth century magic and twentieth century urbanity. The result is a personal mythology of our time, a comedy on the nature of change itself. There is no "correct" view of "The Music of Time". Bijou Ardglass and Buster Foxe, Uncle Giles and Tuffy Weedon, Dicky Umfraville and Mr Deacon, Quiggin, Flora Wisebite and Mona are all gone into the world of light.

Powell has never lacked resources of metropolitan detachment, but as the "Dance" has proceeded, turning like Poussin's smiling figures into and out of the light, treading between the tedium of war and the catastrophes of peace, the vision has grown, changed and darkened of its own accord, the shadow of Jacobean and Caroline perceptions falling across it darkest of all. Robert Burton ("an old friend"), Thomas Vaughan the alchemist, the poets Raleigh and Herbert, the playwrights Marston, Fletcher, Middleton and Tourneur: one by one they have been summoned to cast a spell of insoluble mystery over the last three, "Winter" volumes.

Unlike many such long-term projects, the "Dance" has sustained its energies of narrative, invention and absolute wit to the end. *Books do Furnish a Room* (1971), *Temporary Kings* (1973) and *Hearing Secret Harmonies* are richer, subtler, funnier and more disturbing than their nine predecessors, although they are matched in all these qualities by single sections in each, particularly in long stretches of the second, *A Buyer's Market* (1952) where Powell really digs himself in, and the sixth, *The Kindly Ones*, (1963), where he liberates his language from whimsical convolutions and sets new standards of simplicity and truthfulness by which the rest can be judged.

If you have read none of the novels—and Powell's readership, though fanatically loyal and well-informed, particularly in the United States, is not nearly as wide as it should be—you could start with *The Kindly Ones*, whose opening section, covering events in an Aldershot Army bungalow on the afternoon of the Archduke's assassination in 1914, is one of the most perfect things written by an English novelist since the English novel was pronounced dead and buried by those who should have known better. Perfect in structure, perfect in high comedy, perfect in ominous despair.

It is not true, though often repeated, that each novel is colourless without the rest: the last three stand quite alone, so does the "Autumn" trilogy of the Second World War—*The Valley of Bones* (1963), *The Soldier's Art* (1966) and *The Military Philosophers* (1968). Even in the first five, where the resonance of recurring characters and occasions is much more pronounced, it is usually effected in manner that both brings the reader up to date and assures him that he is in on something new. "The first person I saw in the gallery", writes Nick in *The Acceptance World* (1955) "was Sir Gavin Walpole-Wilson. . . . He looked no older; perhaps a shade less sane". No one could fail to read on after that.

. . . His daughter had won the long conflict with her parents. I wondered if Eleanor still wore her hair in a bun at the back and trained dogs with a whistle. It was unlikely she would have changed much.

"I expect she finds plenty to do", I offered.

"Her breeding keeps her quiet", said Sir Gavin.

He spoke almost with distaste. However, perceiving that I felt uncertain as to the precise meaning of this explanation of Eleanor's existing state, he said curtly:

"Labradors."

There is the essence of Powell: the narrative straight face; the blessed gift for believable dialogue of all kinds; the pervading theme that the more the surface of English life changes the more it stays, astonishingly, the same. "You have to step out once in a way", explains the barely observed husband in *At Lady Molly's* (1957), "Run melancholy mad otherwise". Stepping out for Ted Jeavons means getting very drunk indeed and going to bed for a week to recover. Others step out more dreadfully, into suicide, scandal and fornication. Particularly the last two.

Running melancholy mad is perhaps the distinguishing mark of the Powell hero. It happens first to Nick's alcoholic schoolfriend Charles Stringham, who never appears in the story without stirring a shudder of horrified sympathy, and who dies after the fall of Singapore; Stringham is a kind of damned saint. It happens to the music critic Maclintick after his ferocious wife runs off with a dim violinist, and to Platoon-Sgt Pendry on receipt of a well-intentioned letter from home. It happens less fatally to Erridge, drop-out Earl and second-rate Myshkin, Nick's brother-in-law; to the soldier-servant Bracey with his "funny days" silently seated facing the kitchen wall; and in the hot summer of 1940 to Capt Gwatkyn for love of a cheerful but slutish barmaid, Maureen.

Melancholy madness is a phenomenon to which women are apparently not often subject and to which, though frequently the cause of it in men, they are portrayed as generally indifferent. Peter Templer, X. Trapnel and Kenneth Widmerpool himself each runs melancholy mad for love of Pamela Flitton, perhaps the most fabulously destructive heroine in literature since the Medusa. One of the most concupiscent, too: thank heaven she died her very Jacobean death before the bullying and extra-sensory faun came on the scene in *Hearing Secret Harmonies*. But more of Scorpio Murtlock in a moment.

"A Dance to the Music of Time" is, of course, supremely, a great comedy. Powell is the biographer of John Aubrey (1948) and an editor of *Brief Lives*: he has inherited all Aubrey's exuberant curiosity and, like him, delights in human information of every possible kind. He receives with a twinkle as "very *sérieux*" an American scholar's suggestion that Burton stands in the "Dance" for Death and the spirit of Aubrey for Life; but he was sufficiently impressed by the *Anatomy's* sonorities to copy them down as early as 1928 and the almost parenthetical wonder with which Aubrey records the fate of the sumptuous Venetia Stanley's bust—"*They melted it downe*"—is the same that informs his own response to the marvellous inconsistencies of human behaviour. This means that the "Dance" is suffused from start to finish with surprises and amazements:

"Fishcake", he said
I was only half awake. It was almost as if the dream continued. As I have said Maelgwyn Jones's temper was not of the best. He began to get very angry at once, as it turned out with good reason.
"Fishcake", he repeated.
"Fishcake — fishcake — fish — cake. . . ."
Obviously "Fishcake" was a kind of codeword. The question was: what did it mean? I had no recollection ever of having heard it before.
"I'm sorry, I—"
"Fishcake!"
"I heard Fishcake. I don't know what it means."
"Fishcake, I tell you. . . ."
"I know Leather and Toadstool. . . ."
"Fishcake has taken the place of Leather—and Bathwater of Toadstool. What the hell are you dreaming about?"

What indeed. The entire war trilogy moves like a slow dream inside Nick Jenkins's head intensifying to nightmare only when personal collapse or public bombardment force their way, briefly, to the front of the mind that is dreaming and ordering them. International history, in English families, has always known its place, but nobody ever forgets the little girl sick in the font at her uncle's wedding or the maid who removed all her clothes and gave notice on the day the General came to lunch. "I thought it was the end of the world", Nick's mother would say, oblivious to the simultaneous event in Sarajevo, which perhaps was. We encounter the Hitler-Stalin pact only as pendant to Dr Trelawney's asthmatic attack in the bathroom of the Bellevue Hotel, his spirited predictions of Apocalypse upon rescue, and the hefty shot in the arm from the sybilline Mrs Erdleigh which shuts up the old fake for the night. A terrible war is indicated.

One of the last and most characteristic amazements occurs in the new novel, at a Royal Academy Dinner, when a silent and long-forgotten undergraduate called Paul, glimpsed on the edge of an Oxford tea-party in *A Question of Upbringing*, spins back into view as a malevolent elderly Canon linked to the "transcendental" movement of Scorpio Murtlock. The detailing here—we can almost grasp the novelist's delight in the device—becomes quite frantic: not only does Canon Fenneau turn out to be the true source of a clever letter defending a magazine reviewer's confusion of Paracelsus with Nostradamus (*The Kindly Ones*) and the one man with sufficient "authority" to supervise the last rites of poor Widmerpool (yes, he is poor at the end) but he also touches Nick as they are leaving dinner for unwanted review-copies to help with his Christmas Bazaar. It is a perfect example of what in Julian Jebb's film (BBC 2, Monday) Powell calls "creative fantasy": none of these uses for Paul Fenneau could have been foreseen in 1951, but in the stream of such a novelist's consciousness, particularly one whose wife enjoys a formidable memory, nothing is gone for good.

That we accept such contrivances of apparent coincidence as perfectly natural in Powell's novels—to the point, indeed, where we begin to see them at work in our own lives—is a tribute to his structural virtuosity (somehow we do remember the boy at tea, the clever letter) and to the plausibility that increasingly colours his warmly sceptical view of the world. Moreover, there is little time left in the "Dance", so Fenneau and Mortlock are pulled at once into its main rhythms: both are shabby-sinister, both on the make and the last in a memorable long line of characters—among them Audrey Maclintick, Carolo, the violinist, Sonny Farebrother, Dr Trelawny and "Books Do Furnish Room" Bagshaw—whose power to destroy their fellows is no way diminished by their patent absurdity. Widmerpool himself enshrines the principle that, in England at least, being widely regarded as ludicrous stops no man from getting to the top, though it may, in the end, cut short his stay there. Look around you.

Powell's true genius—and here we may use the word—is for subjective synthesis. The mischievous Smedwyck is not merely a museum director, he *is all* museum directors. Trapnel may come closest to the historical figure of J. MacLaren Ross, but he is much more the quintessence of lost opportunity in the bright, false dawn of the literary Late Forties. Nobody reading Powell's memoir of Orwell, to whom he responded with singular sensitivity, in *The Times* eight years ago, could escape the impression that Orwell's prevailing humours of guilt, affection, tortuousness, courage and sheer intellectual panache have been diffused very widely indeed throughout the many rebellious characters—Left, Right, Centre or nowhere in particular—who put up their fists in "A Dance to the Music of Time". The tragedy of X. Trapnel is most Orwellian of all.

As with the Death's Head Swordsman, so with Widmerpool. Contrary to the smirking speculations of those who think they know, the Frog Footman is not "based on" any one person in public life, but is a transformation of many. Here Powell has struck the national nerve, hard. It is because we all know at least one Widmerpool, because the country has been for many years largely run by Widmerpools, that the complacent, ruthless, and unlovely Kenneth has been singled out as most readers' first memory of the sequence. Powell is still surprised and not entirely pleased by this.

There is something else about Widmerpool: we fear to catch the disease, to excite ridicule. My arrival at Westbury station on the way to see Powell, tugging the door of the train and receiving down the inside arm of my Austin Reed Unstructured Suit, roughly a cupful of water off the carriage roof, was pure Widmerpool. The big black briefcase, too; grotesquely ambitious for an August afternoon in east Somerset. I found myself gazing round the platform lest these circumstances had been recorded by the deceptively mild eye of Nick Jenkins. I became obsessed—I defy anyone who has just read the entire "Music of Time" not to be so obsessed—with the idea of myself as a character in an Anthony Powell novel. There was no vanity in this: it is simply that the flavour of comic context and perception is so strong.

The obsession grew. As Simon Temple (there's a Powell name, if you like) drove me to Chantry, my eye absorbed the mystery of Wiltshire, the stirring swell of the Mendips, the undisturbed measure of Frome and the quarry with which the "Dance" ends; my head filled with the data of Simon's wedding, the number of guests, the cost of the dress (Leslie's, of Bath) and rather more than was good for me to hear about difficult customers suffered by radio-cab firms in a small town like Warminster. "When will your article appear?" "September the sixth, I expect." "Same day as my wedding. Will you send me a copy?"

Another coincidence. By the time we had driven through Chantry village from the wrong direction and backed up the drive to the house, I was convinced I was taking part in a kind of test-dream for a putative thirteenth novel. Courteous and welcoming (had he divined the weight of the bag and its contents?) Powell showed me into the drawing room to a positive racketing of explosions from the quarry which, seemed, for the occasion, to have shifted its whole operation to the foot of the garden. "It's not usually like this", he said, chuckling with the greatest possible contentment, and two days later I found the lines I was looking for—"In the end, most things in life—perhaps all things—turn out to be appropriate" (*Casanova's Chinese Restaurant*, 1960).

"You're not by any chance related to a Bertie Ratcliffe I knew in the war?" I was not, and could not tell from his kindly dismissal of the inquiry, whether, as Nick writes of Balzac on another occasion, No had been a very good answer or a very bad one.

The pounding of centaurs' hoofs dying away, Lady Violet joined us. We had lunch, talked about the heat, Brownings, their discovery of the Brueghels at Capodimonte in Naples, the morality or otherwise of adding clotted cream to home-made syrup tart (he didn't, I did). He had just received a postcard from a taxi-driver fan in Seattle, beginning "Hi!" and a letter from a prisoner in Virginia. The French and the Germans had both translated the first three novels to some acclaim but had proceeded no further; the Italians had done the War trilogy in one volume and the best of his pre-war novels, *From A View to a Death*, as *Paese e morte* (Landscape and death): that sounded right.

We moved out of doors for the rest of the afternoon, and talked on the terrace.

"It was said that Queen Victoria never looked round before sitting down, and I always feel writing's rather like that. It's dously instinctive. you find it all grow your hands in the o ordinary way, but it's ing blood from a st anything down at all. if I complete a thous in a week.

"Too much laying law about how it's frightfully dangerou why I dislike lectur versation is anothe because there you can ball back at them an interesting answers, p in America." He curious and e listener.

I told him I ha visited Chastleton Ho fordshire, whose per perfect state of p and terrible family had reminded me of t houses which form ant a setting in t novels of the sequen had never been there did it belong? Als Brock. How extr Clutton-Brock had fellow-member, alo Harold Acton, Her ("Henry Green"), Byron, Brian Ho Oliver Messel, of Society of the A which he had been write that very mor pottering with my He has already wri his father as Nick' *Kindly Ones* and *Kings*, an unusual h his constructing a full sketch from one r Trelawney is another people are photo novels, some aren't."

He was pottering memoirs. So who wa Jenkins?

"Nick is a person I If you're writing a must have a point of it should be one f your own. He's a co but he is not me. writing about a mas people you are sus you write directly a self. Even Proust che there."

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THE ARTS

Tony Harrison turns Phèdre into memsahib

Phèdre Britannica which opens at the Old Vic next Tuesday is "by Tony Harrison after Jean Racine" and just how far after can be surmised from the fact that it is set in mid-nineteenth century India where Phèdre has become the "memsahib" wife of the British Governor. For Mr Harrison, now 37 and in imminent danger of becoming the National's poet-in-residence, the relocating of French classics is becoming something of a habit: his English version of Molière's *Le Misanthrope*, reset in the France of Charles de Gaulle and now back in the Vic repertoire, has been the National's most conspicuous success in both London and New York these past two seasons, and *Phèdre* brings together the same star, Diana Rigg, and the same production team—director John Dexter, Designer Tanya Moiseiwitsch. But what led Harrison from the *Misanthrope* to *Phèdre*?

"Before we opened *The Misanthrope* in London John Dexter turned to me in rehearsal and said when it was all over how about doing *Phèdre* with 'Madam', meaning Miss Rigg. With my eagerness to take on masochistic enterprises I started right away; wanting to get away from Molière I'd already been looking for a tragedy, one which would allow 'language on stilts'. Having settled on *Phèdre*, I felt that we had to move her away from classical Greece or seventeenth-century France, since both those locations have too many distorting mirrors. This after all is a 'Phèdre Britannica' as opposed to the Gallica of Racine or the Americana of the Lowell translation.

"At first I couldn't find a level of language or a graspable society in which to place it; but then as I began to write I came across something Maria Casarès said when she played Phèdre for the TNP in France in 1956—she said that she imagined her stretched out in a closed room in a country where the sun explodes. So then I began to think about India (which incidentally happened to be where Diana Rigg was born) and gradually it became clear that Phèdre's confidante could be her Ayah, and slowly it all began to fit."

Harrison's writing for the theatre takes the form of dramatic couplets, and perhaps not since Fry turned his attention to Anouilh 20 years ago has any poet in this country achieved stage translations which are so clearly intended to be spoken rather than read; thus, in *The Misanthrope*,

"Mais au moins dites-moi, Madame, par quel sort
Votre Clitandre a l'heur de vous plaire si fort"

becomes the colloquial

"But what I'd like to know's what freak of luck's
helped to put Clitandre in your good books?".

For *Phèdre Britannica* Harrison wrote a total of 6,000 couplets, now narrowed by choice and rehearsal to just over 1,000; but they have become his trademark, to such an extent that when George Cukor was filming *The Bluebird* in Leningrad earlier this year and wanted couplets to reflect the spirit of Maeterlinck's original play, it was Harrison who found himself dictating them over the telephone from Newcastle. But despite certain eccentricities (like entering Czech museums with a white stick and dark glasses, since he'd been told that in Prague the blind are allowed to run their hands over the sculpture, something he much wanted to do) Harrison is a serious and highly-regarded poet without much intention of ending up as an all-purpose translator, the Miles Malleson of the 1970s. Nor does he intend to become, as he puts it, "the Archie Andrews of classical drama", relaying forever the words of others; so I wondered how his association with the National had come about?

"Through John Dexter, who'd read a book of my poetry called *The Loiners*; then while he was working with Adrian Mitchell on *Tyger* he asked Mitchell if he knew anyone who was good at couplets, and Mitchell mentioned me. I don't think he had much choice really; no other poet seems to do them any more".

The only son of a Yorkshire baker, Harrison was born in what he calls "Hoggarty" Leeds where he was the only one on his street who put the uses of literacy to the test; then, on a scholarship at Leeds Grammar, he began to write poetry:

"But I was told that the only people who wrote poetry were poofs, so that put me off for a while, until I found a way of writing that didn't seem effeminate. American poetry taught me the possibilities: I felt English poetry was surrounded by a great hedge which excluded me."

From Leeds Harrison went to Africa, where he taught English at the University of Northern Nigeria from its foundation in 1962 through to 1966:

"Trying to interpret European culture to those resentful



of it because of the imperial lives, uncertain about whether experience was something I won't forget; and recently, working on *Phèdre*, I suddenly found myself writing in rhythm of the ceiling fan I'd had there, and I then realized that whereas with the *Misanthrope* the couplets were comic pacemakers, for Racine they had to be a blood-throb: the heart beats iambically, you know, and I even had a tape of the heartbeat to play to myself for a while. That, together with the idea of India, gave me a double basis to work from; after all, with India in the nineteenth century you have a society creating a formality more formal than its own in England because of the threat of a culture they found alien, frightening, but also fascinating, because it seemed to accept a range of sensuality barely permitted even to the British imagination of the period.

In 1966 Harrison left Africa for Charles University in Prague, again teaching English and again storing up future treasure:

"I'm working now on a version of *The Bartered Bride* which John Dexter will do for the Met in New York in 1977, and that in a way repays my debt to Prague: the best theatrical productions I ever saw were there."

By 1967 Harrison was back in England, living largely on the dole but winning such poetry prizes as the Ionesco which sent him to Cuba for a while; on his return a Northern Arts Fellowship took him to Newcastle where he still

lives, uncertain about whether or not to move south in an effort to avoid a motorway they are building next door to his home. He still views his National success with a certain distrust:

Apart from *The Bartered Bride* Harrison is now working on *The Oresteia* for Peter Hall, trying to find a way of re-creating Greek choruses in a language which will mean something to an audience who have not done their homework.

"Then perhaps I should start thinking about a play of my own: I don't want to be known as a translator, and an adaptor sounds somehow electrical."

As Tony Harrison walked away, he was carrying a suitcase in which were four scrapbooks filled with drawings, press cuttings, suggested alterations to the play. I remembered then something he once wrote about himself, something which perhaps explains the vast range of source material which is compressed into his couplets:

"As a child, the only scholar on my street, every kind of cultural throwaway from spring-cleaned attics and the cellars of the deceased found its way to me—I thus acquired piles of old George Formby 78s and a Livingstone's *Travels* so massive I could barely manhandle it. Somehow it seems that my twin early ambitions to be Dr Livingstone and George Formby were compromised in the role of poet, half-missionary, half-comic."

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La belle Hélène
Coliseum

William Mann

Offenbach's version of the myth in which Paris, prince of Troy, courted and abducted Queen Helen of Sparta, thus precipitating the Trojan War, was excellently satirical material for the French capital in 1864, full of comment about social and sexual *mores* of the day. The observations remain as topical as myths tend to be.

The 1963 Sadler's Wells production was much enjoyed (a record of highlights was available until quite recently) and when the English National Opera announced the return of the work it seemed obvious that that production would be used. Twelve years is a long time, however, and money has been found for a new staging, bright and colourful (I suspect inexpensive for all its visual glamour) with new dialogue by Edmund Tracey and a host of new gags by the producer John Copley who boldly hurls his funny hat and false nose into the ring, defying purism.

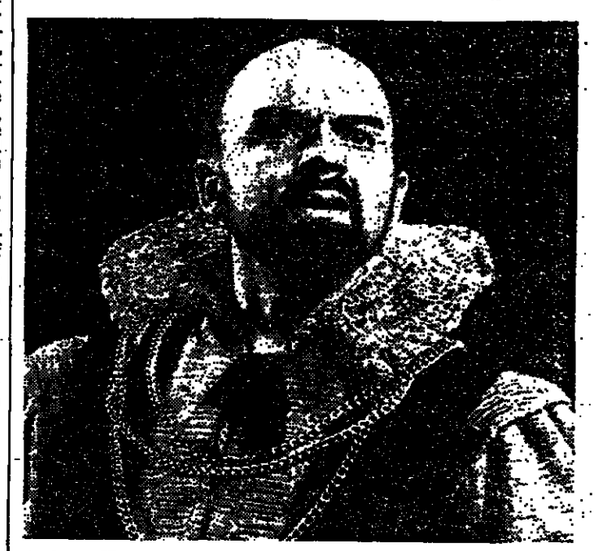
He can more safely do so because the enduring splendour of *La belle Hélène* is Offenbach's music, a feast of heady melody and sparkling rhythm, richer perhaps than even *Orpheus in the Underworld*, much of it as familiar to devotees of light music and operetta. And the music, in this production, is lovingly cared for by the conductor, Charles Mackerras, who has assembled a cast of real singers and abandoned modern reorchestrations in favour of Offenbach's lighter, more exposed and in performance perilous, instrumentation which he conducts with irresistible perkiness

A stir of welcoming delight buzzed round the house when Mackerras launched the dizzy waltz in the introduction to the second act. I succumbed as well, though I knew it was due, having done a little homework earlier in the day, and knew also that we would hear the even more delicious vocal version later on—and it was as strongly heightened as was hoped.

The heightening came not only from Mackerras, a dab hand at this style as at so many others (this is not extraordinary, but part of a musician's trade—the unversatile specialist is surely a more limited, less complete musician), but from his cast, particularly Anne Howells, a poised and devastatingly lovely Helen who sings the music with glorious tone in every register, with crystal-clear enunciation and marvellous timing, in dialogue too, and who can reduce the spectator to surrender with a flash of her smile. Geoffrey Dunn's brilliant English lyrics oblige Helen to end one line of "Dis-moi, Vénus" with the prosaic word "egg" but Miss Howells makes no anticlimax of the second refrain, even finding a new inflexion for the Gilbertian rhyme of "virtue" and "divert you".

There, I have mentioned Gilbert, the arch-fiend when other classic operetta is concerned. The producer of non-English operetta, Johann Strauss, Lehár, Offenbach (Messager's *Véronique* is overdue at the Coliseum), can either apply restraint and approach sub-Savoyard mummification, or dare boldly and risk accusations of vulgarization and stylessness. Style can be inherited, otherwise it must be created.

Copley's production goes too far more than twice, though I only resented a meaningless tableau of Britannia (in any case a plagiarism from Colin Graham's Purcell *King Arthur*), and his gags are condonable because he so skilfully characterizes his Paris (handsome John Brecknock), Agamemnon (Geoffrey Chard in rich voice), Eric Shilling as a sleazy Calchas, and others, notably Miss Howells. The gay Ajaxes were all too easy a solution, though prettily flounced by Terry Jenkins and Alan Opie. The choral movement looks dull and static, but Copley productions usually improve on revival. This is already a richly engaging new look at a masterpiece of comic opera.



Robert Tear—Jacobean avenger

Don Giovanni
The Maltings, Snape

John Higgins

The cries for more basic opera staging are growing daily, and as often fashionable demands become a shade too insistent, so it is worth recalling that there is nothing new about simplicity. Take Scottish Opera's *Don Giovanni*, now over ten years old. Ralph Koltai has designed two substantial moulded screens, one metallic blue-black and the other shining white, plus a couple of boxes which can open to provide a railing for Elvira's lodgings or a table for Giovanni's supper. This quartet of objects slides across the stage, concealing and revealing, and nothing else but good lighting is required.

When I first saw Koltai's set in the homely atmosphere of Her Majesty's, Aberdeen, five years ago I had some doubts about it. But against the bare brick of The Maltings, where Scottish Opera are spending this weekend, it looks austerely handsome. The audience has to use its imagination, and a little indulgence too as there are some unwonted meetings on the long exits from the Snape stage. But there is no harm in that.

The only survivor from that Aberdeen cast is Stafford Dean's Leporello, which has improved mightily over the years as was noted on this page from Munich two festivals ago. There is no cringing in this interpretation and subservience is used only to steal a point. The servant is in all ways the equal of the master, and that makes a good deal of sense when the two have to change roles. Leporello shows little concern at the passing of Giovanni, apart from some worry that the flames of damnation came uncomfortably close to his own skin, and he trots off to find a new employer —"trovar padron miglior". Mr Dean is all aggression and attack, the tone sounding particularly well in The Maltings. A fine performance.

John Shirley-Quirk tackles the title role for the first time. He is well enough known to Aldeburgh audiences, but he does not venture operatically much outside the twentieth century. On the other hand, Scottish Opera have a good record for enticing singers into doing something different. (Janet Baker is the prime example). His Giovanni is almost weak before Leporello's arrogance. He wins by tricks, a cloak thrown over the Commendatore's face to blind him or Elvira neatly palmed off, rather than by skill or natural aptitude.

It is an interesting portrait in the making of a man who needs the reassurance of a few more days before it is too late. Some elements are very wrong: the apparent dejection and awkwardness in the early scene, "Finch 'han dal vino" made furious when it should have the lightness of anticipation. And some are very right: the almost desperate plea to Zerlina in "La ci darem", and the quixotic strength which comes to voice and body as judgment approaches.

Sheila Armstrong, a familiar and delicious Zerlina over the years, has moved up to sing Elvira for the first time. Apart from a missed entrance in the middle of the first act, which had the continuo playing unaccustomed notes and Anna staring in anguish at one of Mr Koltai's screens, it was a performance of vocal accomplishment and beauty. "Mi tradi", and its preceding recitative, was particularly fine. But as yet there is not much characterization. Miss Armstrong suggests a pretty and composed wife out to regain her straying husband rather than a woman on the brink of madness.

If anyone's mind is going to snap in this production, which David Pountney has based on the original by Peter Ebert, then it has to be that of Anna, who is given a fiery and committed performance by the American soprano Rachel Mathes. She has a big voice which she is not afraid to throw about. Some of the phrases go awry, but many are bang on and these are the exciting ones. It is a pleasure to have some weight and power again in the role and "Non mi dir" rightly set the full house at Snape cheering. There was a rich and dominant Commendatore from Robert Lloyd (who is now present in the graveyard scene) and a neat Zerlina and Masetto from Ann Murray and Arthur Jackson, both Scottish Opera contract artists.

Finally, Robert Tear's superb Ottavio, a role I have not heard him sing before. The character is original: balding, stocky, aggressive, the avenging duke from some Jacobean tragedy rather than a niminy-piminy tenor. "Dalla sua pace" began with urgency, shading off into the decorated headnotes of the second verse before returning to the total dedication of the end. "Il mio tesoro" later was its equal in vitality and determination.

No surprise then that Lawrence Foster, Music Director of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, let his Ottavio and Anna have their full sing in the finale. Earlier he pushed the orchestra along a little fast. Perhaps capitalizing on a strong cast on stage and over-anxious to keep the momentum. But the second act had playing of considerable delicacy.

All in all, a thoroughly musical and invigorating evening, very well worth catching at Newcastle, Aberdeen or Leeds, the next three towns Scottish Opera visit before taking up their permanent Glasgow home in the middle of October.

Misery among miners

The Stars Look Down
Granada

Leonard Buckley

"Martha Fenwick, seven months pregnant, prepares her breakfast—a cup of hot water. Her husband Robert is the locked-out workers' leader." This extract from the synopsis for the first episode of Alan Plater's adaptation of the novel by A. J. Cronin told us all we needed to know. Here was misery among the miners. Here were the men at odds with their employer.

But has not television just given us another saga of the coalface in *Sam*? Has it not just given us Galsworthy's *Strife*? From the start last night you had the uneasy feeling you sometimes get in the cinema that this was where you came in.

If your attention was held it was by Avril Elgar as Martha. Few actresses can better sustain the bleak and angular attitude to the rest of mankind that is compounded of disapproval and despair. As she fetched her kindling and trudged the streets for bread she had us by the heartstrings without a word. Hers was a fine performance.

She was not, however, strongly supported. Norman Jones passed easily enough for a collier of 1910, but this Robert lacked the touch of fanaticism and the hint of fire in the hungry belly of a man who would starve for a principle. So, too, Basil Dignam's pit owner was staid rather than implacable, dull rather than dour. Perhaps television has spoilt us too much and too recently with similar parts. These, by contrast, were low key. And few others in a large cast took the eye.

At the start the photography promised better. Indeed, there were one or two compositions in the opening sequences that would not have disgraced L. S. Lowry. There were good glimpses, too, of the hothouse comfort of the rich. Gradually, however, the drabness took command.

Still, there were hints enough of drama to come in this 13-part serial. And words were said that were clearly prophetic. "We are the masters because they cannot do without us", Robert urged vainly as his fellow miners prepared to go back. It was at least salutary to reflect how little that meant in 1910 compared with how much it means now.

Comedy close fight

Two's Company
London Weekend (Transmission Tonight)

Michael Ratcliffe

"Holy Toledo!" exclaims the American thriller writer examining the butler's references. "Is this from a real Lord?"

The butler is reading her cuttings-book.

"Yes, madam, but not from Toledo. . . . Hmm . . . the *Pittsburgh Chronicle*. . . ."

"They get better."

"So do mine."

The gingerbread lady meets London assurance: "I'll drink to that. Any enterprise which plays off Elaine Stritch and Donald Sinden has my warmest blessing, and if *Two's Company* makes a slightly mild and predicable start—gags about drink, food, climate and language fall thickly through Bill Macllwraith's script—both players possess sufficient reserves of technique and spontaneity to skate over the Anglo-American stereotyping and suddenly hit top form. (It is clear from the reactions of the studio audience that some of the takes went quite differently the second time).

Her best moment comes when, after initial hostilities, the butler seems to be coming round and, not being able to believe her luck, she thumps the bottom of the staircase with delight. (There is also something irresistible about the way she growls scaredy cat on being told he has a phobia about flying.) His comes after he reveals to his prospective employer that he knows she was notoriously unable to keep staff. "Well, if you've been finding out about me, you must have known I was a woman and an American." "No, madam", he replies. "All my informants in referring to you used the word *it*". A perfectly average comedy line is transformed by the fastidious hiss with which Sinden lands on one of the simplest words in the language.

Mr Macllwraith wrote *The Anniversary* and plays a sure hand in comic brutality. Dismayed by the mounting evidence not only of the butler's insufferable Englishness but of his appalling male chauvinism, she inquires "What are your enlightened views on children?" "On children, madam? The early Victorians had the right idea: seen and not heard, men at the age of seven straight up the nearest chimney." Splendid. A mutual bloody-mindedness is most promisingly joined, and if the butler gets the benefit of the punch lines in the first round, there is every prospect of a close fight over the next five. Miss Stritch is nobody's feed.

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GLOBE THEATRE. 437 1592 BEST PLAY OF THE YEAR Evening Standard Drama Award RONALD PICKUP in
THE NORMAN CONQUESTS
by ALAN AYCKBOURN
LIVING TOGETHER Today 5.30. Tues., Thurs. 8.15; R'ND & R'ND THE GARDEN Tnt. 8.30, Wed. 3.0, Fri. 8.15: TABLE MANNERS Mon., Wed. 8.15.

GREENWICH. 01-858 7755. Today 2.30 & 8.0. MEASURE FOR MEASURE.

HAMPSTEAD. 722 9301. Evgs. at 8. FANSHEN!

HAYMARKET. 930 9832. Evgs. 7.45. Mat. Wed 2.30, Sats. 4.30 and 8.0.
JOHN CLEMENTS
in Ronald Millar C. P. Snow's
THE CASE IN QUESTION
"An excellent evening's entertainment an enthralling story."
Harold Hobson, Sunday Times.

HER MAJESTY'S. 930 6606 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.0 & 8.40.
HAIR

KING'S ROAD THEATRE. 352 7488. Mon. to Th. 9.0. Fri., Sat. 7.30. 9.30
ALIVE ON STAGE
THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW
"BEST MUSICAL OF THE YEAR"—Evening Standard Drama Award.

LITTLE ANGEL MARIONETTE THEATRE, 14 Dagmar Passage, N.1. 01-226 1787. Sat., Sept. 6th, 11 a.m. THE NINE POINTED CROWN, 3 p.m. THE NINE POINTED CROWN. Sun., Sept. 7th, 3 p.m. THE NINE POINTED CROWN.

LYRIC. 01-437 3686. Evenings 8.0 Wed. & Sat. 5.45. 8.30.
"THIS MAGICAL MUSICAL."—Gdn.
HAPPY END
"IS A GEM."—Sunday Telegraph.

MAYFAIR. 629 3036. Fully air cond. Evenings 8.15. Sat. 5.30 & 8.10 Billie WHITELAW, Barbara FERRIS and Dinsdale LANDEN in
ALPHABETICAL ORDER
"Michael Frayn's comedy is a delightful experience."—E. Stan.

MERMAID. 248 7656. Food 248 2835. Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Thur. Sat. 4.0. Bernard Shaw's
ON THE ROCKS
"Witty, provocative, prophetic." "It never ceases to seethe & bubble." "ONE OF SHAW'S VERY BEST." SEATS FROM 75P TO £2.50 OR COMBINED DINNER AND THEATRE TICKET FOR £4.95.

NEW LONDON. Drury Lane. 405 0072. Mon. to Th. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 6.0 & 8.45
KWA ZULU
"Probably the most compulsively enjoyable musical show in London."—F. Times. Fully Air Conditioned.

OLD VIC THE NATIONAL THEATRE 928 7616. Red. price Prevs. Today 2.15 & 7.30, Mon. 7.30, Opens Tues. 7, Wed. 7.30, Thur. 2.15 & 7.30:
PHAEDRA BRITANNICA
by Tony Harrison after Racine's Phèdre
Friday at 7.30: ENGAGED
N.T. also at ICA 930 2868. Ton't 8.30 MOUTH OF CRABS (seats £1).

OPEN AIR, Regent's Park 01-486 2431 JUDI DENCH, PENELOPE KEITH, FRANK BARRIE, PHILIPPA HALL, JOHN HUMPHRY, ANTHONY SHARP, BRIDGET BARTLAM in SWEET MR. SHAKESPEARE. Tonight 8.0—An amusing and delightful entertainment in word and song on what the world said about Will. "Delightful and beguiling." E.N. GALA PERFORMANCE. TOMOR 8.0.

THEATRES

PALACE. 437 6834. Mon. to Th. 8.0. Fri. & Sat. at 6.0 & 8.40.
JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

PALLADIUM. 437 7373 Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Wed., Sat. 2.45
TOMMY STEELE
IN LONDON'S MOST BEAUTIFUL MUSICAL
HANS ANDERSEN
"SUMPTUOUS SPECTACLE, SPLENDID SONGS. IT'S WONDERFUL." D. Ex. SEATS AVAIL. THEATRE & AGENTS

PHOENIX THEATRE. 01-836 8611 Evenings 7.45. Fri. Sat. 5.45 & 8.45
GODSPELL
"IS MAGNIFICENT."—Sunday Times. RED. PRICE 5.45 PERF. FRIDAY. MUST END SEPTEMBER 20

PICCADILLY. 437 4506. Special Limited Season. Evenings 8.
HENRY FONDA
as CLARENCE DARROW
One man play about the most famous Trial of the 20th Century. "Brilliantly absorbing." D. Tel. "Absolutely magnetic." N. of W. FULLY AIR-CONDITIONED

PRINCE OF WALES. 930 8681 Evgs. 8.0. Mat. Wed., Sat. 3.0
JAMES STEWART in HARVEY
Must end September 27
Opens Oct. 8. Prev. from Oct. 1
HARRY SECOMBE
in a comedy
SCHIPPEL

QUEEN'S. 01-734 1166. Evenings 8.0 Mat. Thur. 3.0. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30
ALAN BATES in
OTHERWISE ENGAGED
A new play by SIMON GRAY Directed by HAROLD PINTER

RAYMOND REVUEBAR THEATRE. 734 1593. At 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m. PAUL RAYMOND presents
THE FESTIVAL OF EROTICA '75

REGENT. 323 2707. Evenings 8.30. Fri., Sat. 7.0 & 9.15 2ND YEAR OF SENSATIONAL STAGE SHOW OF THE SEVENTIES
LET MY PEOPLE COME
AN ADULT MUSICAL
"Never a dull moment."—E. News. 100 tickets held for sale at door.

ROUNDHOUSE. 267 2564. Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Thur. 2.0. Sat. 5.0. Unicorn's Rock Musical VENUS AND SUPERKID "Wild and wonderful happening . . . a super success."—Fin. Times.

ROYAL COURT. 730 1745 Evgs. at 8. Sats. 5 & 8.30
HELEN MIRREN
TEETH 'N' SMILES
By David Hare
"Totally wonderful."—N.M.E.

ST. MARTIN'S. 836 1443. Evgs. 8 Mats. Tues. 2.45. Sats 5 and 8.
AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
THE MOUSETRAP
WORLD'S LONGEST-EVER RUN 23RD YEAR

SAVOY. 836 8888. Evenings at 8. Mats. Wed. at 2.30 & Sat. at 5. Barbara MULLEN & Derek BOND
in AGATHA CHRISTIE'S
MURDER AT THE VICARAGE

SADLER'S WELLS THEATRE 837 1672 LAST 2 PERFS. Today 2.30 & 7.30.
MARCEL MARCEAU

SHAFTESBURY. 836 6596. Previews from Sept. 25. Opens October 2.
LIVE ON STAGE
ARTHUR LOWE
JOHN LE MESURIER, CLIVE DUNN in
DAD'S ARMY
A NOSTALGIC MUSIC & LAUGHTER SHOW OF BRITAIN'S FINEST HOUR.

STRAND. 836 2660. Evgs. 8.0 Mat. Thurs. 3.0, Sat. 5.30, 8.30. Doris HARE, Leo FRANKLYN, Richard CALDICOT, Andrew SACHS
NO SEX PLEASE WE'RE BRITISH
Directed by Allan Davis
LONDON'S LONGEST LAUGH. 5th year

SHAW. 01-388 1394. Evenings 7.30. NATIONAL YOUTH THEATRE in Peter Terson's ZIGGER ZAGGER

THEATRE ROYAL, Stratford. E.15. RON MOODY in MOVE ALONG SIDEWAYS. Evgs. 8. Limited Season. Box Office: 534 0310.

VAUDEVILLE. 836 9988. Full air cond. Ev. 8. Mat. Tue 3. Sat. 5.30, 8.40
MILLICENT MARTIN, AMANDA BARRIE in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S
ABSURD PERSON SINGULAR
"BEST COMEDY OF THE YEAR" Evening Standard Award '73

THEATRES

VICTORIA PALACE 01-834 1317 Evenings 8.0, Wed., Sat., 6.0, 8.45
MAX BYGRAVES
"SWINGALONGAMAX"
Song & Laughter Spectacular with Great Company
MUST TERMINATE OCTOBER 25

WESTMINSTER. 834 0283. Evs. 8 Sats. 5.15, 8.30. Wed., 2.30 Bristol Old Vic. Musical Story of the Great "Gilbert & Sullivan" Partnership.
TARANTARA! TARANTARA!
"A SHINING GEM" D.M. "This delightful show". E.N. "Full of life and wit". Harold Hobson, Sun. Times.

WHITEHALL 930 6692/7765 Evgs. 8.0. Fri., Sat. 5.45, 8.45. "ORTON'S richest & funniest". Gdn.
WHAT THE BUTLER SAW
Dir. by Lindsay Anderson. "I came away aching with laughter." D. Mail.

WINDMILL THEATRE. 437 6312 PAUL RAYMOND presents
LET'S GET LAID
Featuring JOHN INMAN
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WYNDHAM'S 836 3028. Mon.-Fri. 8 Sats. 5 & 8. Mats. Wed. 3.
JOHN GIELGUD RALPH RICHARDSON
National Theatre Production HAROLD PINTER'S
NO MAN'S LAND
Directed by PETER HALL
"GREAT ACTING AT ITS HIGHEST PITCH." Ev. News. Limited Season.

YOUNG VIC STUDIO (by Old Vic). 928 6363 Till Sept. 13th: Laura Graham, Del Henney, Jennifer Lee in Strindberg's MISS JULIE. Wkdys. 8 p.m. Sat. 8.15 plus THE HOGARTH PUPPETS for family audiences. Saturdays 2.30 p.m.

TALK OF THE TOWN. 01-734 5051 From 8.15 Dng. & Dncg. At 9.30 New Revue SWEET TEMPTATION and at 11 p.m.
VINCE HILL

CINEMAS

ABC 1 & 2 Shaftesbury Ave. 836 8861 Sep. Perfs. ALL SEATS BKBLE. 1: THE GODFATHER PART II (X) Wk. & Sun. 2.45. 8.00. 2: THE DROWNING POOL (A) Wk. & Sun. 3.00. 5.30. 8.30. (Last 5 days).

ACADEMY ONE. 437 2981. The tragedy of Cyprus, Michael Cacoyannis's ATTILA 74 (A). Progs. 1.30. 3.45. 6.10. 8.30.

ACADEMY TWO. 437 5129. Miklos Jancso's RED PSALM (AA). Pro. 2.30, 4.30, 6.35, 8.45.

ACADEMY THREE. 437 8819. Marcel Carne's LES ENFANTS DU PARADIS (A). Show times 4.45, 8.00.

CASINO. 437 6877. EARTHQUAKE (A). You'll FEEL it as well as see it in SENSURROUND. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Bookable. Late show Saturday at 11.30 p.m.

COLUMBIA. Shaftesbury Ave (734 5414). FUNNY LADY (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 2.30, 5.30, 8.00. Sun. 5.00, 8.20. Late show Sat. 11.00.

CURZON. Curzon St., W.1. 499 3737 (No smoking & Air Cond.) ALICE DOESN'T LIVE HERE ANYMORE (AA). Progs. at 1.55 (not Sun.), 4.0, 6.15, 8.30. Late Show Sat. 11.

DOMINION. Tott. Crt. Rd. (580 9562) THE WIND AND THE LION (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 2.15, 5.00, 7.45. Sun. 3.45, 5.00, 7.45.

EMPIRE. Leicester Square. THE EIGER SANCTION (AA). Progs. daily 2.30, 5.30, 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m. Sun. perfs. All seats bookable. No phone bookings.

GATE CINEMA, Nott. Hill 727 5750. 1: RETOUR D'AFRIQUE (AA). 12.40, 4, 7.30. Sep. Adm. 2: MERCHANT OF 4 SEASONS (X). 2.23, 5.30, 9.30. Sep. Adm. REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE (X) & EAST OF EDEN (A) 11.15 p.m.

ICA, Mall 930 6393. 3.0 ASTERIX THE GAUL & THE RED BALLOON (U) Kids ½ price; 5.0 Bertolucci's BEFORE THE REVOLUTION (X); 7.0 Godard's TOUT VA BIEN (X); 9.0 Warhol's LONESOME COWBOYS (X).

ICA MALL 930 6393 (7.0 Warhol's 3½ hr. 2 screen CHELSEA GIRLS (18+).

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE. 930 5252. See! Hear! Feel! TOMMY (AA). The Film Event of the Year. Sep. Perfs. 1.30, 4.30, 8.00. Sun. 4.30, 8.00. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, Haymarket (930 2738/2771) SHAMPOO (X). Sep. perfs. Wk. 1.15 (not Sun). 4.45. 8.15. Shampoo at 1.55 (not Sun.). 5.50. 8.55. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.45. All seats may be booked.

ODEON, Leicester Square (930 6111) James Caan ROLLERBALL (AA). Sep. Progs. 1.15. 4.15. 8.00. Late Show Fri. & Sat. 11.20. All seats may be booked.

ODEON ST. MARTIN'S LANE—HOME OF DISNEY MOVIES—for information Tel. 240 0071/0072. Box Office enquiries Tel. 836 0691/1811. Walt Disney's LADY AND THE TRAMP (U). Sep. progs. Wk. 2.00, 5.15, 8.30 Sat. 12.00, 3.00, 6.00, 8.45. Sun. 3.00, 6.00, 8.45. All seats may be booked.

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CINEMAS

PARIS PULLMAN. Sth. Ken. 373 5898 LANCELOT OF THE LAKE (A) Prg. 2.30, 4.10, 6.10, 8.30.

PLAZA 1. Lower Regent St 839 6494. HENNESSY (AA). Progs. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30. 5.30. 8.30. Late show Fri. & Sat. 11.15 p.m.

PLAZA 2. Lower Regent St. 839 6494 LADY SINGS THE BLUES (X) Progs. Sep. perfs. daily 2.30. 5.30. 8.30. Late show Sat. 11.15 p.m.

PRINCE CHARLES. Leic. Sq. 437 8181 12th Sensational Month!! EMMANUELLE (X) Sep. Perfs. Dly. (inc. Sun.) 2.45. 6.15. 9.00. Lte. Show 11.45. Fri. & Sat. Seats Bkble. Lic'd Bar.

RITZ. Leicester Sq. 437 1234. CONFESSIONS OF A POP PERFORMER (X). Progs. Daily 2.30. 4.30. 6.35. 8.10. Late shows Fri. Sat. & Sun. 11.15 p.m.

SCENE 2. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St) 439 4470. Cont. Perfs. Dly. from 12.30. YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN (AA). Progs. 12.50. 3.15. 5.05. 7.25. 9.45. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 12.05.

SCENE 3. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. perfs. Dly. 2.00. 5.00. 8.00. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.15. Seats Bkble. All Perfs.

SCENE 4. Leic. Sq. (Wardour St.) 439 4470. 2nd YEAR. The Film Everybody's Talking About. THE EXORCIST (X). Directed by William Friedkin. Sep. Perfs. Dly. 12.30. 3.00. 6.15. 9.00. Lte. Show Fri. & Sat. 11.50. Box Office Open Daily 10-8. Sun 12-8. Seats Bkble. All Perfs.

TIMES CENTA. Baker St. (935 9772). David Hockney in A BIGGER SPLASH (X certificate). Daily 1.05, 4.55, 7.45. Late shows Fri. & Sat. 10.45. Sunday 4.55 & 5.56. THE LONG GOODBYE (X). Dly. & Sun. 3.00. 6.36.

WARNER WEST END Leicester Square. (tel: 439 0791)
1. PETERSEN (X). Cont. progs. 1.30. 4.00. 6.10. 8.25. Late Show Sat. 11.00 p.m. Sun. 3.30. 5.40. 8.00.
2. Paul Newman THE DROWNING POOL (A). Cont. progs. Wk. 1.25. 3.25. 6.35. 8.55. Sun. 3.30, 5.55, 8.20. Late Show Sat. 11.00.
3. Steve McQueen, Paul Newman THE TOWERING INFERNO (A). Sep. perfs. 1.25. 4.40. 7.55. Late Show Sat. 11.00. All seats may be booked.

EXHIBITIONS

GLC EXHIBITIONS: Marble Hill House, Richmond Road, Twickenham. Sculptures in a Landscape. Closed Fridays. August-September. Rangers House, Chesterfield Walk, Blackheath: The Suffolk Collection. The Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood, Hampstead Lane: Lady Maufe Collection. For further details of all exhibitions telephone: 01-348 1286.

DIY EXHIBITION. OLYMPIA, 10 a.m.-8.30 p.m. Last day today!

ART EXHIBITIONS

AGNEW GALLERY, 43 Old Bond St., W.1. 01-629 6176. ENGLISH DECORATIVE PICTURES AND PRINTS. Until 19th Sept. Mon.-Fri. 9.30-5.30.

ANTHROPOS GALLERY, specialists in Ethnic Art. 67 Monmouth St., W.C.2. 01-836 8162. Europe's finest collection of New Guinea & Eskimo Art. Open Mon., Wed., 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thurs.-Sat. 10 a.m.-Midnight. Sun. 1-7 p.m.

COLNAGHI'S, 14 Old Bond Street, W.1. 01-491 7408. Prints by Italian and Spanish Artists of the 17th century. A selection from Stock Catalogue No 3 on view Mon.-Fri 9.30-6.

COMMONWEALTH ART GALLERY (602 3252) Ten Jamaican Sculptors. Until 28 Sept. Wkdys. 10-5.30. Suns 2.30-6. Admn. Free.

DM GALLERY, 72 Fulham Rd., S.W.3. Tues.-Sat. RICHARD SMITH, STEVER, WARHOL, Etc.

ART EXHIBITIONS

FIELDBORNE GALLERIES. 63 Queensgrove, N.W.8. 586 3600. SUMMER EXHIBITION, inc. new paintings by Norman Adams, Robert Buhler, Ruskin Spear, Carel Weight. Lr. Gallery, LORD METHUEN. Tues.-Fri. 10-6.

FINE ART SOCIETY
148 New Bond Street. 01-629 5116 SUMMER EXHIBITION

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GALLERY 21: 13a Grafton St., W.1. Contemporary works. CLAVE, MIRO, PICASSO, TAPIES and others. 10-5.30. Sats. 10-1. Tel.: 493 6830.

GIMPEL FILS, 30 Davies St., W.1. 493 2488. GEORGE RICKEY, mobile sculpture.

"HAPPY & GLORIOUS" portraits of the Queen, Nicholas Treadwell Gallery, 36 Chiltern St., W.1. 486 1414

HAYWARD GALLERY, South Bank S.E.1 (Arts Council). ANDREA PALLADIO and THE GEORGIAN PLAYHOUSE until 12 October inclusive. Mon.-Fri. 10-8. Sat. 10-6. Sun. 12-6. Adm. 40p Children, students and OAPs 25p (10p all day Mon and 6-8 Tues.-Fri.).

LEFEVRE GALLERY: Contemporary Paintings and Drawings. Mon.-Fri. 10-5. 30 Bruton Street, W.1. 493 1572/3.

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THACKERAY GALLERY, 18 Thackeray St., Kensington Sq., W.8. 01-937 5883. SUMMER EXHIBITION Part II until 19 September.

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Monday 8 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	DUMKA PIANO TRIO Lia Fuchsova piano Vivian Joseph cello Suzanne Rozsa violin Dvorak Society	Dvorak 134th Anniversary Piano Trio Op. 90 "Dumka" Pieces Op. 75 for violin and Tone Pictures Op. 85 for Trio in F minor Op. 65.
Thursday 11 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	YOSHIAKI SERIZAWA Japanese guitarist New Era Int. Concerts	Lodovico Roncalli: Suite in Villa-Lobos: Five Preludes A-Hukata: Kugoka (1st perf Walton: Five Bagatelles Works by Ponce & Albeniz
Friday 12 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	JOHN PERKIN tenor Joseph Brand piano	Programme including songs Haydn, Bellini, Schubert, Sibelius, Strauss, Butterworth
Monday 15 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	TERESA ESCANDON Cuban pianist Ibbs and Tillett	Brahms: Seven Fantasies Op.1 Schoenberg: Suite für Klavier Granados: Goyescas. (enamorados)
Tuesday 16 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	CHRISTINA SHILLITO cello Gordon Back piano TIMOTHY ROWE bar. Julian Dawson-Lyell piano	Bach: Suite No.6 in D Tchaikovsky: Pezzo capriccioso Britten: Songs & Proverbs Works by Boccherini, Fauré, Worshipful Company of Music
Wednesday 17 Sept. 7.30 p.m.	KJELL-OVE DAHLMAN Swedish pianist Helen Jennings Concert Agency	Beethoven: Sonata in F Op.54 Rachmaninov: Sonata No.2, C Schumann: Toccata in C Op. Chopin: Scherzo in E. Op. Liszt and Debussy

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September 21-28

Sept. 21 Sun. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL MARTTI TALVELA, Recital Schumann, Kilpinen, Mussorgsky £2, £1.50, £1, 80p, 55p

Sept. 22 Mon. ROYAL FESTIVAL HALL BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Conductor: Paavo Berglund Soloist: André Tchaikovsky Kokkonen, Rachmaninov, Sibelius £2.75, £2.20, £1.75, £1.45, £1.10, 75p

Sept. 23 Tues. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Official Opening In the presence of H.R.H. the Princess Margaret and H.E. the Finnish Ambassador TAPIOLA CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA £1.35, £1.05, 80p, 55p, 40p

Sept. 24 Wed. QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL Yaako AIKAA, Organ Recital Bach, Vivaldi, Buxtehude, Walond, Salonen, Parviainen all seats 50p

Sept. 24 Wed. PURCELL ROO VOCES INTIMAE Sibelius, Sallinen, Shostakovich all seats 30p

Sept. 25 Thurs. QUEEN ELIZAB HELSINKI CHAM ORCHESTRA Conductor: Ulf Bach, Sallinen, £1.35, £1.05, £

Sept. 26 Fri. ROYAL FESTIV HELSINKI RADI SYMPHONY OR Conductor: Okk Soloist: Arto No Bergman, Elgar, £2.75, £2.20, £ £1.10, 75p

Sept. 27 Sat. QUEEN ELIZAB FINNISH JAZZ £1.10, 90p, 70p
PURCELL ROO HELSINKI RADI CHAMBER CHO Conductor: Hara all seats 50p

Sept. 28 Sun. PURCELL ROO FOLK GROUP Kantaan Pelimar all seats 50p

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Broadcasting Saturday

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BBC 1

9.00 am, Teddy Edward. 9.05, The Mister Men. 9.15, Jeannie, cartoon. 9.35, Play Away. 10.00, Bugs Bunny. 10.15, Grandstand: 10.20, 1.10, 3.20, Cricket: Lancashire v Middlesex; 12.30, Football Focus; 2.45, 3.50, Show Jumping from Hickstead; 2.45, 3.50, Athletics: Pye Gold Cup Final (Men) and Pye Women's Cup Final; 4.15, European Three-day Event Championships from Luhmühlen, Germany; 4.40, Final Score. 5.05, Disney's The Mouse Factory, cartoon.

5.30 News.
5.45 Dr Who.
6.10 It's Cliff—and Friends.
6.45 Film: Away all Boats (1956), with Jeff Chandler.
8.35 Dick Emery Show.
9.05 Kojak.
9.55 News.
10.05 Match of the Day.
11.05 Parkinson.
12.05 Weather.

Regional Variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES. — 9.35-10.00 am, Brainchild '75. SCOTLAND, 4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Scoreboard. 10.05-10.35, Sportscene. 10.35-11.15, Dad's Army. 12.05 am, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND. 4.55-5.05 pm, Scoreboard. 5.40-5.45, Northern Ireland News. 12.05 am, Northern Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

7.40 am, Open University: Flevoland Polders. 8.05, Brunel. 8.30, Foundation Maths. 8.55, Religions of the Roman Empire. 9.20, Golan Heights. 9.45, Festival of the Supreme Being. 10.10, Maths. 10.35, Maths. 11.00, Earth's History. 11.25, Rivers. 11.50, Shapes in Atoms. 12.15 pm, War and Society. 12.40, Working class Images. 1.05, Ignatius Loyola. 1.30-1.55, Statistics. 3.10, Film. Horizons West (1952), with Robert Ryan, Julia Adams, Rock Hudson. 4.30, Cricket. Lancashire v Middlesex. 6.45, Rugby. Bedford v Leicester.

7.25 News.
7.40 Network from BBC Wales: Max Boyce in Cabaret.
8.10 Lord Peter Wimsey. The Nine Tailors by Dorothy L. Sayers with Ian Carmichael, part 1.
9.00 News.
9.05 Denver in Colorado.
9.45 Whose Land? the Middle East today.
10.35 Film. The Beast with Five Fingers (1946); with Robert Alda, Andrea King, Peter Lorre.*
12.00-1.20 am, Film. The Maze (1954), with Richard Carlson, Veronica Hurst.*

* black and white.

London Weekend

9.25 am, Play a Tune. 9.45, Saturday Scene. 9.50, The Jetsons. 10.20, The Beachcombers. 10.50, Junior Police Five. 11.05, Supersonic. 11.35, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, World of Sport. 12.35, On the Ball. 1.00, World Water Ski Championships. 1.10, News. 1.20, The ITV Seven (1.30, Sandown; 1.45, Nottingham; 2.00, Sandown; 2.15, Nottingham; 2.30, Sandown; 2.45, Nottingham; 3.00, Sandown). 3.10, World Water Ski Championships. 3.50, Half-time Round Up. 4.00, Wrestling. 4.50, Results Service.

5.10 News.
5.20 Black Beauty.
5.50 Space 1999.
6.45 Sale of the Century.
7.15 A Joke's a Joke.
7.45 Columbo.
9.00 Within These Walls.
10.00 Two's Company: The Bait, with Elaine Stritch, Donald Sinden.
10.30 News.
10.45 Film: Candy, with Ewa Aulin, Marlon Brando, Richard Burton.
1.00 am Faith and Superstition with Princess Elizabeth of Yugoslavia.

Granada

9.15 am, Another World. 9.40, Play a Tune. 10.10, Focus on Wildlife. 10.35, Film, The Adventures of Quentin Durward, with Robert Taylor and Kay Kendall. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film, Blood on the Arrow, with Dale Robertson and Martha Hyer. 7.00, A Joke's a Joke. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Columbo. 10.25, Sylvester. 10.30, ATV. 11.45, Police Story. 12.40-1.10 am, Film, A Hole Lot of Trouble, with Arthur Lowe.

Grampian

10.50 am, Tarzan. Life for a Life. 11.45, Isla's Island. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoon. 5.35, Born Free. 6.30, ATV. 7.00, Film: The Deep Six, with Alan Ladd. 9.00, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, The Protectors. 12.15 am, Prayers.

Westward

9.00 am, Gardening. 9.25, Play a Tune. 9.50, Look and See. 9.55, Sesame Street. 10.55, Gus Honeybun. 11.05, Supersonic. 11.35 Tarzan: Thief Catchers. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, Sale of the Century. 6.20, Film: The Young Lions, with Marlon Brando. 9.30, Within These Walls. 10.30, ATV. 11.45, Two's Company. 12.15 am, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.25 am, Play a Tune. 9.50, Paulus. 10.00, Hammy Hamster. 10.15, Spiderman. 10.40, Rainbow Country. 11.10, Clapperboard. 11.35, Tarzan: Algie B for Brave. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, London. 7.15, Film: The Spy with a Cold Nose, with Laurence Harvey, Daliah Lavi. 9.00, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45, Oscar Peterson Presents. 12.15 am, At the End of the Day.

Border

9.15 am, Gardening. 9.40, Here Comes the Future. 10.10, The Bark Family. 10.35, Manfred. 10.30, Arthur of the Britons. 11.00, The Amazing Chan. 11.30, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.25, Film: Evil Roy Slade, with John Astin, Mickey Rooney. 7.00, A Joke's a Joke. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Columbo. 10.30, ATV. 11.45-12.40 am, Theatre of Stars.

Tyne Tees

9.30 am, Here Lies. 9.40, Play a Tune. 10.10, Checkmate. 10.35, Woobinda. 11.05, The Amazing Chan. 11.30, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film: Distant Drums, with Gary Cooper. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, A Joke's a Joke. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Columbo. 10.30, ATV. 12.40 am, Epilogue.

HTV

9.05 am, Gardening. 9.35, Play a Tune. 10.00, Sesame Street. 11.00, Orbit. 11.30, Rainbow Country. 12.00, The Amazing Chan. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film: Raw Wind in Eden, with Esther Williams, Jeff Chandler. 7.00, A Joke's a Joke. 7.30, Sale of the Century. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Film: A Taste of Evil, with Barbara Stanwyck, Barbara Parkins. 10.30, ATV. 11.45, UFO. 12.40 am, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 7.30-8.00 pm, Simon a Sian.

Scottish

10.10 am, Master Chefs. 10.30, Play a Tune. 11.00, Film: Pardners, with Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis. 12.30 pm, London. 5.15, Film, The Devil and Miss Sarah, with Gene Barry, James Drury. 6.30, ATV. 8.00, My Brother's Keeper. 9.30, Police Story. 10.30, ATV. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.20 am, Orson Welles Great Mysteries.

Ulster

10.30 am, Jobs Around the House. 11.00, The Seaspray. 11.30, Sesame Street. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, The Flintstones. 5.50, Daniel Boone. 6.45, London. 7.45, Film: Death Race, with Lloyd Bridges, Doug McClure. 9.00, London. 10.45, ATV. 11.45-12.15 am, The Adventurer.

ATV

9.15 am, Gardening. 9.40, Play a Tune. 10.10, Tiswas. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Cartoons. 5.30, Sugarcats. 6.30, Sale of the Century. 7.00, Six Million Dollar Man. 8.00, Within These Walls. 9.00, Who Do You Do? 9.30, Police Woman. 10.30, News. 10.45, Treasures of Britain: Castles. 11.45-12.40 am, Kung Fu.

Southern

9.15 am, Open Day. 9.40, Play a Tune. 10.10, Weather. 10.13, Woody Woodpecker. 10.20, Inner Space. 10.45, The Lone Ranger. 11.15, Tarzan, The Day the Earth Trembled. 12.10 pm, Weekend. 12.15, Southsport. 12.30, London. 5.20, Film, The True Story of Jesse James, with Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter, Hope Lange. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, A Joke's a Joke. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Film, Scream of the Wolf, with Peter Graves, Clint Walker, Jo Ann Pflug. 10.30, ATV. 11.45, The Protectors. 12.15 am, Southern News. 12.20, Weather. Guideline.

Yorkshire

9.45 am, Little Rascals.* 10.00, Paulus. 10.10, Dodo. 10.15, Zingalong. 10.40, Pipet. 10.45, Flower Stories. 11.00, The Amazing Chan. 11.30, Planet of the Apes. 12.30 pm, London. 5.20, Film: Distant Drums, with Gary Cooper. 7.00, Sale of the Century. 7.30, A Joke's a Joke. 8.00, ATV. 9.00, Columbo. 10.30-12.40, ATV.

Radio

1
6.00 am, News. Tom Edwards.† 8.03 Racing bulletin. 8.06, Ed Stewart. 10.00, Rosko. 1.00 pm, Bill Connolly's Top Twelve.† 2.00, Alan Freeman. 5.00, John Peel.† 6.30, In Concert.† 7.32, Top Tunes.† 8.30, Concert.† 9.30, British Open Brass Band Championship.† 10.02, London by Music.† 10.45, Alan Dell.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Alan Dell.† 12.31, News Summary.
† stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 10.02, John Dunn. 12.03 pm, Two's Best.† 1.02, Punch Line. 1500m only. 1.30-7.00, Sport: 1500m only, including Gillette Cup Special. Lancashire v Middlesex. Football, Racing at Sandown Park. Athletics, Pye Gold Cup and Pye Women's Cup. Motor Sport, Italian Grand Prix and World Speedway Championship. 6.00, Sports Report. 7.02, Ken Dodd. 1500m only. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Arne, Mozart, Elgar, Britten.† 9.00, News. 9.05, The Modern Virtuoso, Yehudi Menuhin. Schubert, Mozart, Bach, Beethoven.† 10.30, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, part 1: Wagner, Schoenberg.† 11.10, In Short: Eric Warr. 11.20, Concert, part 2: Schumann.† 12.02 pm, Stereo Release: Beethoven, Schumann, Verdi.† 12.55, News. 1.00, The Young Idea.† 2.00, Man of Action: Alan Sillitoe.† 3.00, Matinee Musicale: Paul Lewis, Schubert, Geoffrey Wright, Mahler, Arthur Butterworth, Barber.† 4.00, Organ Recital: Couperin, Bach, Hindemith, Reger.† 5.10, Music from Colombia. 5.55, Jazz Record Requests.† 6.40, Critics' Forum. 7.30, Prom, part 1: Mozart, Britten.† 8.40, Personal View by Dr George Steiner. 9.00, Prom, part 2: Rachmaninov.† 9.45, Foreign Press Review. 10.05, In the Shadow of Sibelius, talk with illustrations.† 10.45, Bach and Handel.† 11.25-11.30, News.

4
6.30 am, News. 6.32, Farming. 6.50, Outlook. 6.55, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.10, On Your Farm. 7.40, Today's Papers. 7.45, Outlook. 7.50, Today. 8.00, News. 8.30, Sportsdesk. 8.40, Today's Papers. 9.00, News. 9.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 9.30, TUC Conference. 10.00, News. 10.02, The Weekly World. 10.15, Service. 10.30, Pick of the Week. 11.30, Science Now. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, Radio 3. 12.35, Weather. 1.00, News. 1.15, Down Your Way. 2.00, Radio 3. 4.00, News. 4.02, Fourth Dimension. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, Stop the Week with William Davis: Mr Punch. 7.00, News. 7.02, Desert Island Discs. 7.30, Richard Baker. 8.30, Play: The Dark Windows of a Room. 9.58, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.15, With Great Pleasure: Sir Geoffrey Jackson. 11.00, Prayers. 11.15-11.38, News. 11.45, Inshore forecast.

BBC Radio London, local and national news, entertainment, sport, music. 94.9 VHF, 206 M.
London Broadcasting, news and information station. 97.3 VHF, 261 M.
Capital Radio, 24-hour music, news and features station. 95.8 VHF, 194 M.

Radio

Family saloon

"Illustrated lectures" was how James Roose-Evans on *Kaleidoscope* described the first two parts of *All the Queen's Men*, the new 10-part serial based on Neville Williams's book about the court of Queen Elizabeth I and it pulls us up sharp—or should do—to have a theatrical ear applied to radio: those of us whose medium it is can so easily grow accustomed to the sort of sound it makes. We may—to put it another way—have a very good idea of what a Rolls-Royce is and be well aware that the engine we can hear, drowning the ticking of the clock, belongs to nothing of the kind, but we settle for it and even imperceptibly begin to allow that a production-line family saloon is not too far short of—well, not a Rolls, of course, but maybe a Jaguar. . . .

We are promised fine things and perhaps we shall get them, but so far *All the Queen's Men* is undoubtedly a well-made family saloon. This is a product we all know, can trust and can be thankful for: its chassis is clear chronological narration and this is given body with readings from the abundant contemporary documents, with a little music of the period and perhaps with a modest attempt on the producer's part to add some class with sound effect and minor dramatization. There cannot be too much of this because the basic design, the script, does not allow for it so that—to change the metaphor—it tends to sit unappetizingly on its material like sugar icing on a steak and kidney pie. Christopher Venning, producer of last week's second part, may have been wise to avoid it. The life of programmes such as this lies in the characterful, well-wrought English of their quoted documents and it is to hear this, intelligently arranged into a portrait of some age or person, that one listens to them. So, I suppose James Roose-Evans has a point: though something more than illustrated lectures, these historical studies are their lineal descendants.

So what to do? How to upgrade this kind of work? Mr Roose-Evans suggests more imaginative reconstruction, the use of dramatization. Yes, indeed, but the problems bristle straightaway: how to integrate document and dramatic invention? Or, if we leave out documents, how to invent anything one half as good? It can be done, of course, but here's the rub: it calls for gifts as a writer of a very superior kind, gifts which, as far as I can judge, are in very short supply among the many good craftsmen who contribute to series such as this: such also as *The Noble Savage* which I wrote about the other week. There is a model of the sort of vehicle I would like to see in Michael Mason's and George Macbeth's *A Bayeux Tapestry*, but that unfortunately has proved to be a one-off. The upshot is that on this particular stretch of the radio road, there are plenty of reliable family saloons, but nary a breath-taking Rolls in sight. Which may be just the thing for the egalitarian state; it is a poor lookout for broadcasting.

In drama this week it has been above all Raymond Raikes's benefit with three characteristic productions to mark his retirement—one of them, *The London Cuckolds*, a repeat; the other two new-minted. The 1913 audience which attended the first and only previous performance of Maeterlinck's *The Death of Tintagiles* are said to have fidgeted and talked throughout, much to the disgust of Vaughan Williams who had written special incidental music. At its second appearance, one can well imagine why: this gloomy representation of the struggle between love and death with its awesome Gothic setting and the portentous Arthurian associations of its names (Ygraine, Aglovale) teeters on the edge of the ridiculous; in the theatre it very probably fell *over* it. Radio is the medium for which a piece like this has been waiting: voices—and particularly Dorothy Tutin's velvet sound—combined with strange acoustics and the interesting perspectives sound can give, all these allow the fancy to take off unhindered by the calculating eye.

That said, *Tintagiles* seems little more than an interesting curiosity and I for one shall prefer to remember Raymond Raikes by his other, and last, new production, *Iphigeneia in Aulis*. He introduced this in a 20-minute talk which left me wondering how many radio producers now remain who with such assurance can read and compare original Euripidean texts as a prelude to compiling a translation which carries over into English the rhythms and therefore the intention of the original. For, as Mr Raikes pointed out, *Iphigeneia* is primarily a play about some very mortal mortals overshadowed by events too big for them. Here Clytemnestra at her first appearance is typically a mother with strong matrimonial ambitions for her daughter: not only her sentiments but her whole self-expression must convey this for it is crucial to her failure to measure up to her daughter's sacrifice and hence to what every audience knows of her own fate. In this case there was no doubt about the matter and a guard of honour from among the longest-serving and most distinguished actors in radio helped make it doubly sure.

Radio 4's longstanding project, *A Century of Modern Theatre*, has been one of those good ideas which have never quite come off. Too many of its productions have resisted translation into sound alone. However, its latest, the Capek brothers' *Insect Play*, was certainly an exception. Ian Cotterell's excellent direction of a large cast and an inventive sound score can be heard again tomorrow afternoon.

David Wade

Broadcasting Sunday

A field day for the upper classes with Wellington (BBC1 11.5 the late Duke of Norfolk (ITV 5.5). But cook gets a look-in, toc with the return of Upstairs, Downstairs (ITV 7.55). Chinese spir mediums offer a cult with a difference (BBC2 7.25). A new come pair try their luck (ITV 7.25).—L.B.

BBC 1

9.00 am, Nai Zindagi Naya Jeevan. 9.30-9.45, Trumpton. 11.00-11.45, Seeing and Believing. 1.00 pm, Farm and Country. 1.25, Worlds Without Sun. 1.50, News Headlines. 1.55, Film, Beau Geste (1939), with Gary Cooper, Ray Milland, Robert Preston, Brian Donlevy.* 3.45, Disco. 4.10, Globetrotter. 4.40, Jumping from Luhmühlen and Hickstead. 5.40, Chinese Puzzle.

6.05 News.
6.15 Doubts and Certainties. Edward Shils, Professor of Sociology at Chicago.
6.45 In Every Corner Sing.
7.25 Ben Hall.
8.15 Film. Hostile Witness (1968), with Ray Milland, Sylvia Sims.
9.55 News.
10.10 Sunday Prom. Mozart, Beethoven.
11.05 The Prince of Waterloo. Stories of Wellington, by the Eighth Duke, the Duchess and Lady Jane Wellesley.
11.50 Weather.

*Black and white.

Regional variations (BBC 1): BBC WALES: 5.30-5.45 am, Mary, Mungo and Midge. 1.55-3.10 pm, It's a Knockout. 3.10-4.00, The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau. 4.00-4.30, Mastermind. 4.30-4.40, Tom and Jerry. SCOTLAND: 1.00-1.22 pm, Farm Forum. 6.15-6.45, Eighth Day. 11.50, Scottish News Summary. NORTHERN IRELAND: 4.10-4.40 pm, Bowls: Irish National Championships. 11.50-12.20 am, Hurling: Galway v Kilkenny. Northern Ireland News Headlines.

BBC 2

8.05 am, Open University: Thermodynamics. 8.30, Earth History. 8.55, Iron Bridges. 9.20, Project Tutoring. 9.45, Heart and Lungs. 10.10, Fuel Crisis. 10.35, Growth of American Cities. 11.00, Transformer Core. 11.25, Curriculum Studies. 11.50, Fast Trains. 12.15 pm, Maths. 12.40-1.05, San Francisco Railway (2). 1.50, Cricket. John Player League.

6.50 News Review.
7.25 The World About Us. Chinese Spirit Mediums.
8.15 Cleo Laine with John Dankworth and his Orchestra.
9.00 News.
9.05 Rick Wakeman at Wembley.
9.55 Autumn Ballet.
10.10 Film. Touch of Evil (1958), with Charlton Heston, Janet Leigh, Orson Welles.*
11.45-11.50, Barry Foster reads The Question, by Shelley.

London Weeken

10.00 am, Morning Wo Central Methodist Ch culn. 11.00, Understan selves. 11.30, London Show. 12.00, Mr Bug Town. 1.30 pm, Brian terviews Joan Bonfind, Big Match. 3.00, Film, I Owl Call My Name, Courtenay, Dean Jag Celebrity Squares. 5.05, of Britain: Castles.

6.05 News.
6.15 Aggie.
7.00 Love is the Answ
7.25 My Brother's Ke
7.55 Upstairs, Downst
8.55 News.
9.10 Film, Hard Con James Coburn, Meredith, Lee Re
11.05 Jay Interview Isaiah Berlin.
12.00 Police Surgeon.
12.25 Faith and Superst

HTV

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.00, Peggy Fleming's Ice Skating Spectacular. 1.00 pm, Drive In. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, Adam West and Burt Ward in Batman. 4.50, ATV. 5.35, Arthur of the Britons. 6.05, London. 8.10, Film, Michael York in The Strange Affair. 11.00, Two's Company. 11.30, Out of Town. 12.00, Weather. HTV CYMRU/WALES: As HTV except: 1.30-2.00 pm, Farming. 6.15-6.35, Faith in Action. 6.35-7.00, Film: Pros Y Byd. 11.00-11.30, Flight from 70 Million Years B.C.

Yorkshire

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Play a Tune. 12.00, Superspy. 1.00 pm, Farming. 1.30, Afloat. 2.00, Football Special. 3.00, Film: September Affair, with Joan Fontaine, Joseph Cotten, Francoise Rosay.* 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Up the Junction, with Suzy Kendall, Dennis Waterman, Adrienne Posta, Maureen Lipman, Michael Gothard, Liz Fraser, Hylda Baker. 11.20-11.50, Oscar Peterson Presents.

Westward

10.00 am, London. 11.00, Canada. 11.30, Martial Arts. 12.00, ATV. 1.10 pm, Wrockin ters. 1.30, Acres for Profit. 2.00, London. 3.00, Film, The Rains Came, with Tyrone Power, Myrna Loy.* 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 8.10, Film, Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? with Richard Burton, Elizabeth Taylor, Sandy Dennis, George Segal.* 11.25, Faith for Life.

Border

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Play a Tune. 12.00, Grierson. 1.00 pm, Border Diary. 1.05, Untamed World. 1.35, Farming. 2.00, Cartoon. 2.10, Football Special. 3.10, Film: It Always Comes with Walter Pidgeon, Deborah Kerr. 4.50, ATV. 5.35, Castaway. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Up the Junction, with Suzy Kendall, Dennis Waterman, Adrienne Posta, Liz Fraser. 11.20-11.50, Oscar Peterson Presents.

Scottish

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. 12.30 pm, Anna and the King. 1.00, Farming. 1.30, Department S. 2.30, Scotsport. 3.30, The Persuaders. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 7.25, Husband of the Year. 7.55, London. 9.10, Film: Hard Contract, with James Coburn, Lee Remick, Sterling Hayden. 11.05, Late Call. 11.10-11.50, Festival Cinema.

Granada

9.30 am, Drive In. 10.00, London. 11.25, Cartoon. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, The Finest Hours. 2.00 pm, Kick Off Match. 3.05, Film: Norman Wisdom in What's Good for the Goose. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Rod Taylor in Nobody Runs Forever. 11.05, Granada Profile, Molly Meran, Governor of Styal Women's Prison. 11.30-12.30 am, The Baron.

Tyne Tees

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Galloping Gourmet. 11.55, Where the Jobs Are. 12.00, Conquest of the Air. 1.10 pm, Farming. 1.40, Carpet Bowls. 2.10, Shoot. 3.00, Film: A Woman Possessed. 4.20, Brain of the North. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Up the Junction. 11.20, Edgar Wallace. 12.20 am, Choir.

Anglia

10.00 am, London. 11.30, Skippy. 12.00, ATV. 1.10 pm, Cartoon. 1.25, Weather. 1.30, Farming. 2.00, Match of the Week. 2.50, Film, Catherine the Great, with Flora Robson, Douglas Fairbanks Jnr.* 4.40, Cartoon. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film, Hard Contract, with James Coburn, Lee Remick. 11.00, Kenneth McKellar. 11.25, Bible for Today.

Grampian

11.00 am, London. 11.30, Drive-In. 12.00, Operation Barbarossa. 1.00 pm, Farming. 1.30, Boney. 2.30, Scotsport. 3.30, Pathfinders. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. 9.10, Film: Twisted Nerve, with Hayley Mills, Hywel Bennett. 11.10, Prayers.

ATV

9.30 am, Farming. 10.0 11.30, Drive In. 12.00, Antonioni's Chung Kuo (C Planet of the Apes. 2.10, 3.10, Film: The Tunnel of Doris Day, Richard Wid Celebrity Squares. 5.35, 6.05, London. 8.10, Film with John Wayne, Maure 11.20, Boney. 12.15 am, B

Southern

10.00 am, London. 11.25 11.30, Farm Progress. Pinser Hours: 2.00, Lond Film: Britannia Mews, Andrews, Maureen O'Ha Thorndike.* 4.45, South 4.50, ATV. 6.05, London. The Strange Affair, with Jeremy Kemp, Susan Geor London. 12.05 am, Weather.

Ulster

11.00 am, London. 11.30, 12.00, Choirs of the World. Play a Tune. 1.00, Carto Animated Classics: Robin H London. 3.00, Film: The Rat Moto, with Henry Silva, Lloyd.* 4.20, The Count Cristo. 4.50, ATV. 6.05, Lon Sports Results. 9.15-12.20, Judgment at Nuremberg, wit Tracy, Burt Lancaster, Jud Richard Widmark, Maximili William Shatner, Montgome Marlene Dietrich.*

Radio

1
6.55 am, New Day. 7.00, News. 7.03, Dudley Savage.† 8.03, Rus Moore.† 8.32, Ed Stewart.† 10.00, Paul Burnett. 1.00 pm, Jimmy Savile. 3.00, David Hamilton. 5.00, Insight. 6.00, Tom Browne.† 7.00, Sunday Sport. 7.30, Semprini.† 8.30, Sunday Half-Hour.† 9.02, Best Tunes.† 10.00, Sports Desk. 10.04, Brass and Strings.† 11.02, Jazz.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Jazz† 12.31, News Summary.
† stereo.

2
6.55 am, Radio 1. 10.03, David Jacobs.† 11.30, People's Service. 12.02 pm, Family Favourites.† 2.02, Ken Dodd. 2.30, Noel.† 3.30, Hubert Gregg. 4.02, John Dunn.† 6.00, Radio 1. 7.02, Punch Line. 7.30-12.33 am, Radio 1.

3
8.00 am, News. 8.05, Beethoven Trios.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Your Concert Choice, Schumann, Liszt, Brahms, Fauré.† 10.30, BBC Symphony Orchestra Part 1, Sibelius.† 11.10, Words . . . Margaret Drabble. 11.15, Concert, part 2: Sibelius.† 12.00 pm, Let the Peoples Sing.† 12.30, The Changing Art. Piano Playing part 2. 1.30, Amadeus Quartet. 1966: Mozart, Beethoven. 2.35, Boston Symphony Orchestra, its origins and principal conductors. 2.40, Pierre Monteux. Boston Symphony Orchestra: Brahms, Hindemith, Strauss.† 4.00, Lancaster, concert, part 1: Berio, John Buller.† 4.40, Reading. 4.45, Concert, part 2: Dallapiccola, Ligeti, Haydn.† 5.35, Pierre Fournier (cello) Bach.† 6.35, Play: Chapters in Crystal, Rouger.† 7.30, Proms Die Fl Operetta by Johann Strauss. 8.20 A.R.T.U.R. Life and of a Digital Computer. 8.40, mus. Acts 2 and 3. 10.1 and Music. talk. 10.45, Sound ing. 10 cc. 11.25-11.30, New

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Good Food Guide

Across the Welsh border

Whatever the talents of the Welsh, even the most ardent nationalist would hesitate to claim that they include a gift for creating good food. Too many hotels in the principality serve meals that are a pallid reflection of English cooking at its worst: grey overcooked meat masquerading as roast, adorned with plastic "Yorkshire" and lumpy gravy, with the inevitable accompaniment of mushy overboiled vegetables. Even in the 1920s, a *Good Food Guide* reader claims, the only good food in Cardiff was to be found in an Italian cafe, and the civilizing influence of these early pioneers is still felt, so that even now it is easier to find well-cooked scaloppine and cannelloni than anything in the native tradition. More recently, a new generation of English restaurateurs nurtured on Elizabeth David have made their way westwards, adding coq au vin and cassoulet to the repertoire. But it seems a shame, when the hills are jumping with lean Welsh lambs, the streams full of trout and salmon and the sea full of shellfish, that more is not made of local resources.

Only recently has there been any attempt to offer specifically Welsh dishes and even Cardiff's Yr Ystafell Gymraeg (Welsh Room to the uninitiated) has an Italian proprietor. Never mind, his idea was a good one and visitors who pick judiciously from this bilingual menu can find some new and pleasant tastes. That means forgoing the commercial pâté "with strips of hardly toasted sliced bread" and eating fresh Clawdd cockles unnursed by the usual malt vinegar, or laver bread (seaweed), cooked in a coating of flaked oats and served with bacon. Main courses at around £1.35 to £2 include local fish, honeyed roast Welsh lamb or stuffed goose marred only by the "terrible inclusive veg"—tinned carrots and frozen, overcooked sprouts. Better to choose the salad. The Welsh cheese falls short with the sweets—unexceptional apple pie and a trifle redeemed by a generous hand with the sherry. But cheese is strictly Caerphilly.

Also in Cardiff, Giampero Fama, late of the Hungry Horse in London, keeps to what Chelsea considers old-fashioned English cooking. So the Harvesters, with its corn dollies and pine tables, serves home-made soups, good fresh bread and large helpings of Mrs Beetonish main courses for around £1.50. Mr Fama has a light hand with pastry and fortunately his menu is full of pies and tarts, sweet and savoury. So much so that some of his customers prefer to follow steak and kidney pie with treacle tart. Vegetables are variable but you're in luck if it's red cabbage. Less so if you choose "mother's trifle" which comes as something of a surprise unless your mother is a teetotaler who enjoys tinned fruit cocktail and packet custard.

Well away from cosmopolitan Cardiff, in the nationalist strongholds of north Wales, a local couple, Allan and Enid Lynne Jones, run the Plas Maenan Hotel, a Victorian magnate's converted house overlooking the wooded Conwy valley. Here the menu and hotel brochure are in Welsh, with English translations that are sometimes less than adequate. It would take a brave man to try "Pork St Tudno, inspired by cave-dwellers and created by our chefs" (£1.75). But the home-made leek soup is good, as are the cockled eggs, a combination of hard-boiled eggs, onion sauce, pickles and the odd grain of mustard. But at times the menu protests altogether too much. Duck with Can y Delyn "sweet sauce" came garnished with a slice of orange and no discernible liqueur and "lamb chops served with our own rowanberry sauce, mint or honeyed" were innocent of rowan, mint or honey. An inspector suggests that in the kitchen stands someone who dismisses all this newfangled menu-ese and cooks as he or she has always done. Vegetables are included in the price of the main courses and are reasonably cooked for early diners, though they appear to be kept warm throughout the evening. The sweets trolley is unexcitingly domestic with rhubarb or cherry pie and trifle.

Near Abersoch, at Rhydyclafdy, Le Gourneigh Restaurant is an attractively converted whitewashed barn with locally made dark wood tables and chairs. The name "Gourneigh" apparently means "horsy" but fortunately this applies to the equine impedimenta decorating the walls rather than to the staff or the food. Without hotel accommodation to provide a captive audience there are clearly difficulties in attracting regular custom to an isolated spot like this, which probably explains the reliance on short cuts. The oyster and Guinness soup predictably comes from a tin but sole meunière arrives in a sauce good enough to demand mopping up. An economically priced cottage pie (60p) was made of honest meat with creamy potatoes and a crisp crust and a rather vinegary dressing was produced on request for the fresh salads. Ices and sorbets were home-made and coffee was a coffee bag in a jug of boiling water. Friendliness makes up for the lack of polish in the service and there is a short list of reasonable wines at £1.80.

Very different is the Llwynderw Hotel at Llanwrtyd Wells in central Wales where guests must submit to a generally benevolent despotism with no advance notice of menus, no choice and idiosyncratic rules in the bedrooms, including fines for transgressions such as ordering wine late (25p) or parking in front of the hotel (50p). Some suggest the system owes something to psychotherapy techniques and that the aggressive approach is aimed to break down barriers between diners and put them in a receptive frame of mind for the experience of an evening's encounter with the proprietor Michael Yates—admittedly the only entertainment available in this isolated spot. At any rate, much can be forgiven someone who usually produces such interesting food and one guest who arrived in some trepidation was pleasantly relieved to find Mr Yates "a gentle, cultured soul with superlative taste". The range of dishes is eclectic. One meal started with a paella, of perfect texture if not strictly orthodox, followed by delicate herby lettuce soup and a good traditional main course of roast beef and Yorkshire pudding with new local potatoes and carrots. For pudding you may be allowed a choice between, say, fresh peaches, home-made meringues or cream caramel "in a yummy sauce like liquid toffee", and cheese is likely to be a tall truckle of farmhouse Cheddar or a whole Brie. Since guests are encouraged to take second helpings a day-long fast might be advisable before embarking on dinner, for the packed lunches look uninteresting. (And this is no place for those on a diet—one slimmer was charged the full price of a dinner, currently £4, for an omelette.) There are some good wines ranging from about £1.50 to £10 and Mr Yates is knowledgeable about them.

Approaching the English border, the Three Cocks, 11 miles north-east of Brecon, is an old staging inn with a French proprietor, Denis Hine of the brandy family. He and his wife have exacting standards of food and service and train their own staff. Although prices are at metropolitan level—few main courses under £2, vegetables extra—there is a growing number of appreciative regulars for dishes like the smoked trout mousse made with wine and whipped cream, and the hot shrimps en croustade. Follow them with noisette of venison, tender and gamey with a faultless sauce, or roast guinea fowl Normandie. The "selection of fresh vegetables" at 45p is well cooked and presented and the waitresses describe competently all the many alternatives on the sweets trolley including fresh peaches marinated in kirsch and mixed with fresh cream, apricot sorbet (sometimes disconcertingly laced with bits of ice) and good ice-creams. The lengthy wine list is fairly priced with a house wine from Gerard Harris Ltd. Many visitors, however, feel it is about time that the rooms were renovated to something above country guest house standard.

Also in the border country, Neville and Sonia Blech's Crown Inn at Whitebrook is another small pub with aspirations. A more recent arrival on the scene than the Three Cocks it is close enough to Thornbury Castle across the Severn to encourage comparisons that are not always unfavourable. We have reports of a "dazzling good pâté de poisson wrapped in thin pastry and served with a superb beurre blanc" and the thick fish soup comes with garlic croûtons and a mortar full of rouille. Main courses at around £3 include carré d'agneau aux herbes, perhaps done more to Welsh taste than to French pinkness, and trout in a rich cream sauce. Even the Stroganoff, so often a disappointment, is full of flavour and made with tender beef. Vegetables are generally up to standard, sweets not always. The iced soufflé reminded one inspector of something she used to make with dried milk in the war, down to the Mars-bar-like topping and the multicoloured hundreds and thousands. Some wines are pricey but Côtes de Ventoux at £2.60 is pleasant and the Wadworth's 6X from the cask is an attraction in the bar.

Yr Ystafell Gymraeg, 74 Whitchurch Road, Cardiff. Tel. Cardiff 42317. Closed Sunday. Meals 12-2.30, 7-12. Book. Table d'hôte lunch £1.50 (meal with wine £2.75). A la carte dinner with wine £4.35.

Harvesters Restaurant, 5 Pontcanna Street, Cardiff. Tel. Cardiff 32616. Closed 3 weeks August; Monday; lunch except Sunday. Meals 12.45-2 (Sunday only), 7-11. Book. A la carte meal with wine £5.30.

Plas Maenan Hotel, Maenan, Llanrwst, Gwynedd. Tel. Dolgarrog 232. Meals 12-2, 7-10. Book. A la carte meal with wine £3.75.

Le Gourneigh Restaurant, Tu Hwnt I'R Afon Inn, Rhydyclafdy, Pwllheli, Gwynedd. Tues eyng, winter; Sun Meals 12-2, 6.30-9.30. A la carte meal with wine £3.50.

Hotel Llwynderw, Abergwesyn, Llanwrtyd Wells, Powys. Tel. Llanwrtyd Wells 238. Closed November 2-March 31. Lunch by arrangement only. Dinner, 7.45. Book. Table d'hote dinner with wine £4.75.

Three Cocks Hotel, Three Cocks, Nr Brecon, Powys. Tel. Glasbury 215. Meals 12-2, 7-10. Book. Table d'hote lunch £1.50 and £2.50. A la carte meal with wine £5.25.

Crown Inn, Whitebrook, Gwent. Tel. Trellech 254. Closed last 2 weeks Nov; 2nd & 3rd weeks Jan; Monday lunch. Meals 12.15-1.45, 7.30-9.30. Book A la carte meal with wine £6.20.

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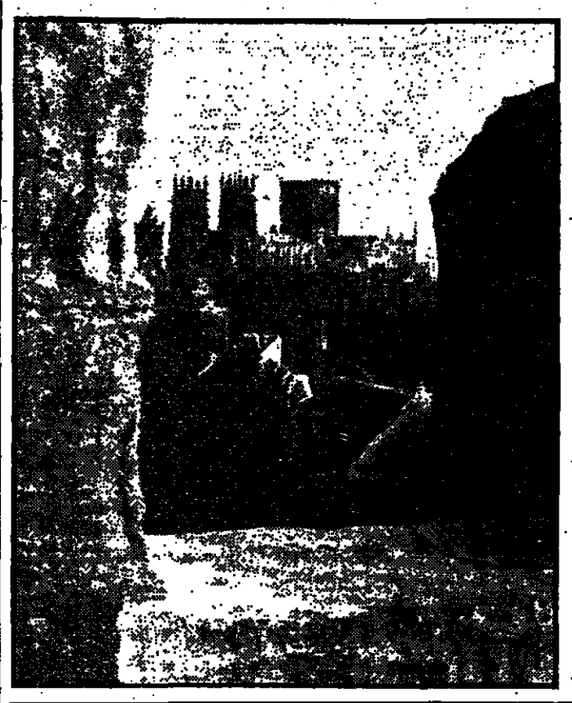
That good old holiday spirit

Seeing my own name carved deep on a gravestone should have provided warning enough that a weekend visit to York had shocks in store. I had travelled there, warily and perhaps a trifle cynically, to sample a ghost hunting holiday (Ghost hunting is correct); and at the end of my stay had come firmly to believe in two "sightings" and have only the slightest of reservations about others.

I am in no way qualified to decide whether ghosts—or spirits—exist, but if I have to declare my position I would say that I have yet to be convinced that they do *not* exist and that I have no doubts at all about the sincerity of the witnesses I met.

As for the gravestone, it did no more than set a temporary mood at the start. I had gone to St George's churchyard in York to look at the grave of Dick Turpin, having spent an interesting time in the Castle Museum and his condemned cell. The neighbouring headstone was discovered by a companion. The John Carter resting beneath it had died in 1852. Just a coincidence, of course. Of course. . . ?

We must not linger among the graves, however, for they play no part in this short holiday. Whether you take the subject seriously, or believe that ghost hunting is just an excuse for a jolly weekend—as most appeared to do—I think you will find the York interlude quite fascinating. It was dreamed up by, among others, Mr Chris Martins, then the city's Director of Tourism. He admitted to me, somewhat ruefully, that certain local reaction had been to the effect that only a southerner could persuade people to "part with their brass for seeing nowt".



The weekend revolves mainly around Mr John Mitchell, a local schoolmaster who has spent some time collecting the many ghost stories associated with York—arguably the most haunted city in Britain. It is Mr Mitchell who welcomes guests at the reception on the first evening—Friday—and conducts the group on foot around the streets of York. He has so many spirits "on the books" as it were, that only a small sample of the best authenticated can be included.

It is the Saturday that I best remember, for on that morning, in the cellars of Treasurer's House close by the Minister, I listened to a thoroughly fascinating talk. Treasurer's House, one of the city's finest town houses, is a National Trust property which dates, in the main, from 1620. But the site goes back 2,000 years to the Roman times, and it is the Romans that have been seen in those cellars.

The witness is Mr Harry Martindale, a police officer who, 20 years ago and more, was working as an apprentice on the installation of central heating. He was in one part of the cellar when he heard the sound of a trumpet note and a moment later saw a Roman soldier walk through the wall.

Flinging himself to one corner of the cellar, he watched in terror as another soldier on horseback followed the first and was, in turn, followed by a shuffling group of a dozen or so marching men. They crossed the cellar and vanished through the opposite wall.

Mr Martindale suffered the jibes of his disbelieving fellow workers, then decided to keep the story to himself. He broke his silence after 20 years and has been interrogated by experts on the Roman period of British history. The details he has supplied have proved amazingly accurate, records of other sightings have been cross checked and recent excavations have revealed the soldiers were walking to the main gate of the fortress along the Roman road, upon whose stones we stood to listen to Mr Martindale's story.

Afterwards, one of the group remarked to me that she thoroughly believed Mr Martindale, not merely because of the way he gave his evidence, but because "he has nothing to gain by speaking out." (In fact, the only thing he is likely to gain is an entry in the *Guinness Book of Records* for having sighted the oldest ghosts in Britain.)

As the weekend unfolded, we heard of a number of haunted churches, visited a haunted teashop and a trio of haunted pubs, one of which, the Cock and Bottle in Skeldergate is reputed to be haunted by George Villiers, second Duke of Buckingham, whose town house stood near the site.

We also visited a Victorian church hall, now used as a dancing school and heard from Mrs Rita Cole of the "happenings" there—record covers which float from their shelves, a cigarette packet which flew from the floor into the balloon net suspended from the roof, and such like.

But of all who told us their stories, none impressed me more than the Rev Frederick Griffiths, the rector of Bolton Priory.

We travelled by coach to those ruins and heard about the Augustinian monks who dwelt there, with Mr Griffiths very matter-of-factly explaining how he has seen the spirit of one, and telling of other experiences. There is no doubt in his mind that these spirits exist, but he is careful to point out that they are not ghosts. The difference, apparently, is that ghosts are transparent, but spirits block out light.

Now you may regard all this as a nonsense or not a fit subject on which to base a holiday. The fact remains, however, that a very large number of people travel to York for these weekends and appear to have a thoroughly interesting and enjoyable time.

The highspot of the weekend came on the Saturday evening when we attended a medieval banquet at the Black Swan public house, whose ghost was incidental to our enjoyment and whose other, and more controversial, claim to fame is that General Wolfe was born there and not, as is generally supposed, at Westerham in Kent.

The deal is organized by a company called Visit Yorkshire Ltd, who operate from Sir Thomas Herbert's House, 11 Lady Peckitts Yard, York, YO1 2NF. The next series of weekend holidays begins, appropriately enough, on October 31—Hallowe'en—with a combined "Ghosts and Witches" weekend.

Other weekend dates, for ghosts only, are December 5-7, January 23-25, February 20-22 and March 19-21. The cost of the weekend ranges from £23 to £33 depending upon which of 10 hotels you select for your bed and breakfast accommodation. That cost, by the way, is for two nights at the hotel—Friday and Saturday. If you wish to spend a little more time in York and remain, say, for the Sunday night, the cost is a few pounds more. I did think for the city has much to offer. As far as the ghost hunting package is concerned, the Saturday night party and the excursion to Bolton Priory are included in the basic price.

As well as ghosts, the travel agency organizes other specialist weekends—Georgian York, Medieval York, Military History, Archeology, to example. A new venture is a weekend which takes one to the surrounding countryside on the trail of smugglers and, this year especially, railway weekends. I am also told that the ghost weekend idea is being extended to Bath.

This month sees two important developments in York. On September 23 the Heritage Centre is to be opened—a £131,000 development next to the Castle Museum—and four days later the Duke of Edinburgh will officially open the National Railway Museum.

Information about these, and about the city in general, may be obtained from the Department of Tourism at the de Gray Rooms, Exhibition Square, York, YO1 2HB.

John Carter

Gardening

Order it on the rocks

Last week I offered some thoughts about bulbs and corms; this week may we look briefly at rock garden plants? You either inherit a rock garden, or you decide to build one. An inherited rock garden is more than likely to have been rather poorly constructed; too often it is a mound of soil studded with bits of rock. It may contain some worthwhile plants, but, like mine, it may be a fine example of the survival of the fittest. Let me hasten to add that while my rock garden would bring nothing but a sardonic grin to the face of an alpine plant lover, it is quite an attractive, relatively easily kept and interesting feature.

An existing rock garden should be left alone until the spring as many bulbs may lie unsuspected beneath the surface. Any "cosmetic" treatment, if we may use this much abused word, would consist of removing dead or worn out plants; lifting and dividing any that need it, like campanulas; and of course doing what is necessary to get rid of weeds.

A neglected rock garden can pose a serious weed problem. Some may be removed by hand. Others may be treated with paraquat (Weedol). But if there is much couch grass or ground elder it will probably save time to take drastic action. The plants should be lifted, and all pieces of weed root removed from their roots. They may then be planted in somewhere else for another year. The weeds are then allowed to grow next year, and they may be eradicated by treating them with Weedol, dalapon for couch grass, or a selective weedkiller for such weeds as ground elder. Several treatments may be necessary. Naturally some plants cannot stand being lifted and replanted—helianthemums, dwarf brooms and the like. It may be possible to hand paint the weeds underneath such plants. If not, they may have to be sacrificed.

Between the easy-going colourful rock garden and the alpine haven for the plants beloved by the specialists, there is ample room for experiment. For the gardener who is not too particular there are the aubrietas, the many campanulas like *C. portenschlagiana* (*C. muralis*), *C. carpatica* and its white variety, *C. garganica*, and several more. The various forms of helianthemum, the sun roses, are easy plants, needing only a trim over after flowering to keep them bushy. I prefer the double varieties as the flowers last longer, but there are several lovely singles such as Wisley Pink and Watergate Rose. The aethionemas like a limy soil. The ajugas or bugles are excellent for sun or shade, and I use them to underplant my roses. There are several varieties, but *Ajuga reptans* "Multicolor" has green, bronze and red leaves and blue flowers.

The heaths and heathers, of course, are mostly among the easiest plants, and where they are happy, need plenty of room. The varieties and hybrids of *Erica carnea*, which flower in winter and early spring, grow on any reasonable soil, but the later flowering species and varieties need acid soil.

Needing perhaps rather more care as regard to soil and drainage are the gentians; most of us I am sure have wished to grow *Gentiana sino-ornata* which flowers so generously in the autumn, and is so easily propagated by division. Alas, it will not put up with a soil that is in the least alkaline. Neither will *G farreri*, a paler blue, nor the gorgeous hybrid between these two species G. Macaulayi which produces deep blue trumpets in the autumn.

If you have an alkaline soil your choice of gentians is limited, but *G verna* will take a limy soil. I would give it, however, plenty of leaf mould or peat at planting time, and I remember the late Clarence Elliott saying it liked a good dollop of old cow dung underneath its roots. Those who have no cows in the neighbourhood could try the horse manure composts which may be obtained from most garden shops or garden centres.

There are many saxifrages that flourish with a reasonable amount of care, but my favourite is the magnificent *Saxifraga* Tumbling Waters, which makes a foot long arching spike of white flowers. It is happiest if planted in a vertical or horizontal cleft between the rocks.

Primulas, of coure, we should always try to have in a rock garden. Any of the European species or varieties and hybrids derived therefrom should find a place in a rock garden. The auriculas, or *Primula marginata*, with lavender flowers, happy in a crevice, *P. frondosa*, and *P juliae* are all worth growing. So too is *P. sieboldii*, white, or the pink form *P.s.* Geisha Girl. This species and its varieties looks as if it should be a tender plant suitable only for a greenhouse, but it is as hardy as a toad.

These primulas, and indeed a very fine choice of alpine plants, may be obtained from W. E. Th. Ingwersen Ltd, Birch Farm Nursery, Gravetye, East Grinstead, Sussex.

Now from the exotic to the earthy or the epicurean, whichever way you regard garlic. At the best local hostelry for food that we have discovered, at Hascombe, about two miles from Godalming in Surrey, mine host buys large ropes of garlic and of onions from an itinerant Breton who has been calling on him for many years. The garlics he brings are about as big as a large hyacinth bulb—nine inches or 23 centimetres in circumference—about four times as big as the garlics we grow from bulbs bought from our British seedsmen. I planted some of these Breton garlics in the spring, and now we have dug up fine large bulbs.

So if you wish to grow your own garlic, here is the method suggested by the experts—Breton and British. Plant a complete garlic bulb about now—do not break it into its eight or nine segments as we usually do when we plant in the spring. Those who know say that garlic needs a long growing season, so you plant in September. Next August you dig down and you will find a ring of garlic bulbs around the original one you planted a year before.

You lift all but one, which you leave to produce another crop the next year. Of course, you chip off any weeds and apply some fertilizer in the spring, and in this way you have a self perpetuating garlic patch. I do not know how long you can go on doing this in the same ground, but I would prefer to change the site after two or maybe three years.

Roy Hay

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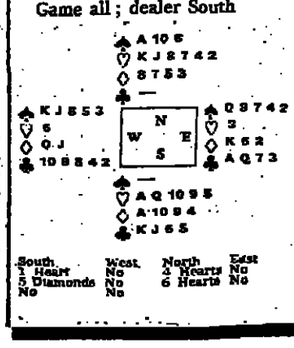
The mechanical way of valuing a hand by adding points for length in a suit combined with shortages elsewhere is far from accurate. Except in No trumps the point count for honours has never been reliable, if only because game in a major can be made with fewer than 26 points when there are first round controls (valued at 4 for an ace and 3 for a void).

North opens One Club on 14/15 points—♠ 7 ♡ K J 8 2 ◇ Q 10 5 ♣ A K J 4 3 (an extra point is sometimes given for the five-card suit) and his partner bids One Heart. At this stage South may have any number of points between six and 14. If North follows his ready-reckoner he adds two more points to the count of his hand because he has four good hearts and a singleton, and he goes to Three Hearts which is an invitation to game. South recounts his points and if he has six trumps headed by the ace, queen, he does not hesitate to bid Four Hearts; more often than not he makes his contract.

This is only one side of the coin. Opponents with 20 points between them have not been silent because North had the strength for a double raise and South could add extra points for distribution. If they did not compete it was because their values were divided and they had two aces only. North was justified in bidding Three Hearts because it was necessary to agree the trump suit and give the true value of his hand in hearts; but in his position at rubber bridge I would often prefer to rebid either Two or Four Hearts because the hand is weak in defence.

My advice to those who adopt a formula for valuing their trumps according to distribution is to lower their point count unless they have two first round controls in addition to four trumps. Aces are undervalued in the same way as kingjacks are overvalued in their formula; the extra value of a first round control provides a means of overcoming duplicated weakness.

Game all; dealer South



South	West	North	East
1 Heart	No	4 Hearts	No
5 Diamonds	No	6 Hearts	No
No	No		

North could not refuse his partner's slam invitation, because he had already responded as if he were aceless and the ♠A might be a vital link which he could not now disclose without forcing South to bid Six Hearts.

West led a small club and an inexperienced declarer might imagine that he could not escape from two losers in diamonds. He could even be tempted to duck the club and hope to establish the ♣J for a twelfth trick. But the slam is far less remote than it appears at first sight.

South ruffs the opening lead, cashes the ♠A on which he discards a diamond, enters his hand with the ◇A for another club ruff and cross-ruffs spades and clubs. He re-enters his hand with a trump and plays a diamond. He has a reasonable chance of finding one opponent with the doubleton ◇K who has omitted to throw the ◇K on the ◇A when he cashed it at the third trick. Either opponent may have been dealt doubleton honours in diamonds and he then cannot avoid giving declarer a ruff and discard.

There is the final possibility that West may have been dealt ◇ K J 6 and may thoughtlessly win the diamond with the ◇J instead of the ◇K; his partner will then be compelled to overtake the ◇J with his bare ◇Q. Much depends on the missing two trumps being divided 1—1; but it is a brave mathematician who assesses the odds on a slam being defeated when there is the likelihood of an error in defence.

Edward Mayer

Chess

Playing to the gallery

The chess events at the recent London Chess Fortnight at the West Centre Hotel in Lillie Road have not, I think, received the publicity they deserved. It was a pioneering occasion. For the first time in the history of British chess an all-out attempt was made to fashion the game into a spectator sport and I am astonished and a little dismayed that my *confrères* in the chess journalistic world did not seem to realize the full import of the courageous attempt on the part of such dedicated spirits as Eddie Penn, Stewart Reuben and Peter Morrish (to mention just three of this band of idealists) to popularize the game in a way that by no means implied or imposed a lowering of the values of good, sterling chess.

It should be said that I myself can claim no credit for comprehending the nature of the event. Having been present at so many of the World Championship matches in Moscow where a number of similar devices for attracting public interest were employed, I realized only too well what the London Chess Fortnight organizers were aiming at. In the ante-rooms and adjacent halls of the Tchaikovsky Concert Hall in Moscow there were masters explaining games to a rapt audience just as in the precincts of the West Centre Hotel such masters and first class amateurs as Cenek Kottnauer, Malcolm Macdonald-Ross, Stewart Reuben (occasionally when my limited time permitted, I myself too) commented on the games from the Masters' Tournament.

Simultaneous displays were popular both in Moscow and London and, if there were no grandmaster lectures in London as there were in Moscow we had *à titre de revanche*, such traditional English variants of chess as Kriegspiel and lightning tournaments (characterized as speed events no doubt so as to placate any visiting American tourists). At Lillie Road there occurred what the programme called "the first ever international match between two pre-teenagers". In this the rapidly improving Julian Hodgson, defeated the Dutch boy Helmut Cardon by 4-2, a score which did not do justice to The Netherlands' potential master who was unlucky not to win on at least two occasions.

Obviously the *piece de resistance* at the West Centre Hotel, the 10-round master tournament, could not begin to compare in importance with a world championship match. But it had its points of interest none the less. It contained four grandmasters, Andras Adorjan and Gyula Sax, of Hungary, Jan Timman, of the Netherlands, and Gudmundur Sigurjonsson, of Iceland. There were also two international masters, the Junior World Champion, Tony Miles, and the European Junior Champion, John Nunn. There were also the mercurial Michael Basman, Scotland's best player in Craig Pritchett and two of the most talented of our early 20 players, Simon Webb and Jeff Horner.

Play was interesting and, on the whole, hard-fought. I say on the whole since on occasion some of the players (notably not Basman) were content with routine draws. But, at any rate, the atmosphere seemed to me to have been more keenly competitive than it was, say, at the last British Championship.

Tony Miles deservedly won first prize with 7½ points, an achievement all the more memorable for the fact that he lost a game fairly early on to the fine Dutch player, Jan Timman. To make up for this he defeated no fewer than three grandmasters, Adorjan, Sax and Sigurjonsson. Since seven points were sufficient for the grandmaster norm, Miles, now has the first leg of the grandmaster title. Maybe he will make his status up to full grandmaster rank when he plays in the Alexander Memorial Tournament at the Teesside or, perhaps later on, at the Hastings event.

I was especially attracted by Jan Timman's play. His style is what the Germans call *ideenreich* and it is a pleasure to see him put the pieces to the aims for which they were created. For the following game he was awarded the Cannon Assurance award of £50 for the best game played in the tournament. White: Timman. Black: Adorjan QP Grunfeld Defence.

1 P-Q4	Kt-KB3	4 PxP	KtxP
2 P-QB4	P-KKt3	5 P-K4	KtxKt
3 Kt-QB3	P-Q4	6 PxKt	B-Kt2
7 B-QR4	O-O	11 R-Q3	P-Kt
8 Kt-K2	P-Kt3	12 PxP	PxP
9 P-KR4	Kt-R3	13 R-K3	P-B
10 P-R5	Kt-B1	14 PxP	P-QB3

Black's pressure on the centre reaches its height and White gives up the exchange in order to lessen the pressure and give himself chances again on Black's King-side.

15 P-Q5	BxR	17 P-QR3	
16 QxB	Kt-B5		

With a twofold idea; he prevents Kt-Kt5 and opens up an important diagonal for the Queen.

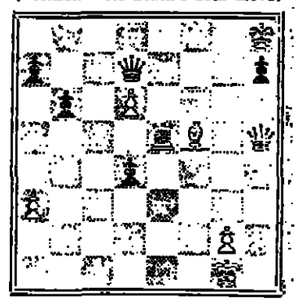
17	Q-Q3	23 P-Q6	K-Kt
18 P-B4	B-Kt5	dis ch	
19 Q-B3	Kt-Q6	24 Q-B	QR-B1
20 P-K5	O-O2	25 P-B5	PxP
21 BxKt	PxB	26 Q-R5	R-B1
22 O-O	BxKt		

After 26 . . , P-B5; White plays 27.P-K6!

27 RxP	RxR	28 BxR	RxP

Hoping to hold back the pawn advance by the pin on the Queen; now comes a pretty finish.

(Position after Black's 28th move)



29 BxQ RxQ 30 R-K6 resigns.

He cannot prevent the QP from Queening.

Harry Golombek

SPORT

Cricket

Two counties with their hands on two titles

Leicestershire seem almost certain to win the county championship for the first time in their history after beating Middlesex by eight wickets at Grace Road yesterday. They earned 18 points for their fifth successive victory and are now 27 points clear of their most dangerous rivals, Hampshire.

Leicestershire have one fixture left against Derbyshire at Chesterfield. Hampshire have two games to play against Derbyshire, at home, and Worcestershire, away. Yorkshire, in second place, are 17 points adrift of Leicestershire with only one home fixture against Essex to come.

Lancashire are also not yet out of the race. They are 29 points behind Leicestershire with outstanding matches against Gloucestershire, at home, and Sussex, away. The leading positions are:

		P	Pts
1	Leicestershire	19	224
2	Yorkshire	19	207
3	Surrey	19	198
4	Hampshire	18	197
5	Lancashire	18	195
6	Essex	19	193

Hampshire, clear leaders in the John Player League after six successive victories, have a chance to win the title tomorrow by beating Derbyshire. Hampshire, with 48 points, are favourites but a lapse at Darley Dale could allow either Worcestershire or Kent to catch them.

Barry Richards, whose 112 last Sunday gives him a total of 637 runs, needs to score 32 against Derbyshire to set a new league record. But Hampshire have to wait to know if Roberts, their fast bowler, will play. He is suffering from bruised shins and was ordered to rest for a week after breaking down last Saturday.

One man who is made for the one-day game

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

Apart from the usual worry about the weather, there is one other anxious aspect of the Gillette Cup final at Lord's today—the fear that Middlesex may not be a match for Lancashire. This is not a prediction, so much as a statement of fact. Lancashire are the best-equipped one-day side in the country; for Middlesex the good days are rarer.

If the requirements of the ideal one-day cricketer were fed into a computer, the result would look like Clive Lloyd: a marvellous all-round fielder; a batsman of immense power, who can rise above any challenge (his 100 won the final of the World Cup for West Indies, also at Lord's); and a tidy bowler, capable both of picking up wickets and putting down shutters. He is, into the bargain, a left-handed batsman, which most bowlers find disconcerting.

Give Clive Lloyd to Middlesex and the teams for today would be evenly balanced. As it is, he makes Lancashire firm favourites, though this is far from a one-man Lancashire side. In Peter Lever and Lee they have the best *pair* of opening bowlers in the country (only Boyce and John Lever, of Essex, or, when fit, Hendrick and Ward, of Derbyshire, are to be compared as a pair). Lee has already taken 100 first-class wickets for the season, an uncommon feat these days.

Altogether Lancashire have seven bowlers of different kinds good enough to bowl a full quota of overs for most counties. Their batting goes a longish way down, with Hughes and Simmons, at seven and eight, the heroes of many a tight finish; and they field well, with Hayes, Hughes, and David Lloyd, besides Clive Lloyd, in the top class.

Middlesex are on their home ground. That is a good start for them. Although not accustomed to winning these one-day competitions, as Lancashire are, they should benefit from the experience of an earlier final this year, when they lost to Leicestershire in the Benson and Hedges; in reaching the final of the Gillette, they have gone to Edgbaston, Worcester, and Chesterfield, and beaten Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Derbyshire in turn.

Middlesex have fewer names in lights than Lancashire. They have a great determination, though, to win a title. The last time they did that was in 1949, when they shared the championship with Yorkshire. As the underdogs they will have the backing of the "floating" spectator. For John Murray, too, playing his last match at Lord's, there will be strong sentimental support. What a reception Murray will get—and what an ending it would make to his long and loyal career—if Middlesex were to win! John Price, another who has been many years with the club, is hoping to play but not certain to do so. He is being troubled by an inflamed shoulder.

Middlesex would be well-suited by a spinning pitch. If Lever and Lee are the best pair of county opening bowlers, Titmus and Edmonds are the best pair of spinners. Give me Hobbs and East, some may say; or Carrick and Cope, or Intikhab and Pocock, or Illingworth and Birkenshaw, or Venkataraghavan and Swarbrook. For a one-day final, or a five-day Test match for that matter, I would sooner have Titmus and Edmonds than any of these. If it proves an advantage to win the toss and Middlesex win it, they are a better bet at 2-1 against than Lancashire at 5-2 on.



Murray: last match at Lord's.

I have one special memory of this year's Gillette. It comes from the semi-final at Old Trafford between Lancashire and Gloucestershire. The great Clive Lloyd, bowled a long hop by Roger Knight, hooked it high and far to long leg. To all the world it was a six. But it just failed to carry, and Foat, whose fielding would have been a great attraction in today's final, made the catch, his heels not far from the fence.

It was the signal for the whole Gloucestershire side, feeling that the match might now be their's, to descend upon Foat. For David Shepherd, fielding at deep mid-on, this meant a long journey, but off he set, like a great steam-engine, whistle going, fly-wheel spinning, rods flashing, earth shaking. Decorated, it seemed, with brass and copper, he thundered past the Railway Stand, arriving long after everyone else to shake Foat by the hand.

MIDDLESEX (from): J. M. Brearley (capt), M. J. Smith, C. T. Radley, N. S. Featherstone, H. A. Gomes, G. D. Barlow, J. T. Murray (wicket-keeper), F. J. Titmus, P. H. Edmonds, J. E. Emburey, M. W. W. Selvey, J. S. E. Price, T. M. Lamb.

LANCASHIRE: B. Wood, A. Kennedy, F. C. Hayes, C. H. Lloyd, D. Lloyd (capt), F. M. Engineer (wicket-keeper), P. Hughes, J. Simmons, R. M. Ratcliffe, P. Lever, P. Lee.

Zeal places aspirants in position of strength

By Peter Marson

LEICESTER: Leicestershire (18 pts) beat Middlesex (7) by eight wickets.

Leicestershire have had their share of triumphs in the recent past, winning the Benson and Hedges Cup in 1972 and again last year when they achieved a double by becoming champions of the John Player League. The county championship, though, is something which has eluded them from the time the present club was formed in 1879. By way of an outstanding success yesterday, made secure by 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Leicestershire had moved to a position of considerable strength, and, what is more, they did so in the style of the champions they aspire to be.

At the start of the morning, a fascinating day's play seemed to be in prospect with Middlesex having made 102 for two, leading by 48 runs. The pitch, a straw coloured, dry and dusty strip would be the exclusive province of the spin bowlers. If Radley, Featherstone and the rest could scotch the combined efforts of the quartet formed by Illingworth, Birkenshaw, Balderstone and Steele long enough to set Leicestershire a target of, say, 250 runs to win, the stage would be set for a tense and thrilling climax.

But, that was not the way of it, for by 12.20 at the end of 80 minutes play, Middlesex's batting had withered and died, eight wickets falling for 77 runs. Illingworth, four for 23 and Balderstone, three for 41, took seven of them, Birkenshaw having put Leicestershire on the road to victory by bowling Radley in the fifth over of the morning. Middlesex had not batted well and they will wish to be seen in better light today.

So, with 126 runs to make and with an eye on banks of dark clouds gathering in the north-east corner Leicestershire made ready to reach for their prize. A series of square cuts, pulls and drives from Dudleston, Steele and Roger Tolchard brought 127 runs at a run a minute and Leicestershire's 11th victory in the county championship.

As the curtain was rung down, an important and stimulating performance ended, so two distinguished cricketers, Graham McKenzie and John Murray made a final bow at Grace Road. Next summer the cricket fields of England will be the poorer for their absence.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings. 260 (G. D. Barlow 84; N. M. McVicker 6 for 85).

Second Innings

M. J. Smith, c Dudleston, b Steele	22
*J. M. Brearley, c Dudleston, b Birkenshaw	40
C. T. Radley, b Birkenshaw	23
N. G. Featherstone, l-b-w, b Balderstone	38
J. S. E. Price, c Steele, b Illingworth	1
H. A. Gomes, b Illingworth	14
G. D. Barlow, c Dudleston, b Balderstone	1
†J. T. Murray, l-b-w, b Illingworth	1
F. J. Titmus, c Birkenshaw, b Balderstone	20
J. E. Emburey, b Illingworth	0
M. W. W. Selvey, not out	0
Extras (b 4, l-b 9, n-b 6)	19
Total	179

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—61, 2—81, 3—116, 4—117, 5—157, 6—167, 7—167, 8—167, 9—178, 10—179.

BOWLING: McKenzie, 3—1—13—0; Higgs, 6—3—15—0; Balderstone, 15—2—41—3; Steele, 11—5—26—1; Illingworth, 17.2—3—23—4; Birkenshaw, 17—6—42—2.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings. 314 (B. Dudleston 107, J. Birkenshaw 56).

Second Innings

B. Dudleston, l-b-w, b Emburey	25
J. F. Steele, not out	41
R. W. Tolchard, run out	45
B. F. Davison, not out	8
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, n-b 1)	7
Total (3 wkts)	127

J. C. Balderstone, *R. Illingworth, J. G. Tolchard, J. Birkenshaw, N. M. McVicker, G. D. McKenzie, K. Higgs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—37, 2—114.

BOWLING: Selvey, 2—0—3—0; Gomes, 1—0—6—0; Emburey, 14—1—44—1; Titmus, 11—3—35—0; Featherstone, 9—3—15—0; Smith, 3—1—21—0; Barlow, 2—0—5—0; Brearley, 0.3—0—4—0.

Umpires: J. G. Langridge and B. J. Meyer.

Essex play out time after Boyce is out

By Alan Gibson

TAUNTON: Essex (8 pts) drew with Somerset (5).

Close declared at 10 minutes to three, with nine wickets down, which gave Essex 160 minutes to score 252 runs. It was a stiff declaration, but the pitch was still playing well—just a little help to the spin bowlers in the last few hours—and Essex could be relied upon to have a bash. Even if the championship is now beyond them, they have their eyes on the talent money.

Somerset began at 65 for two and finished at 265 for nine. Their young men did well, Slocombe, Roebuck, Botham. Few counties have such a trio of good young players as these. Their old men did not do so badly either. Close had a good match. If they could find a real spin bowler, Somerset would be a championship side in a year or two.

Essex went for the runs. Close encouraged them by bowling Breakwell and himself. None of their batsmen, however, got going until Boyce came in. They were 89 for five: Boyce swept and cut and hooked and drove with such venomous carelessness that Somerset looked as if they were falling to pieces. Close was waving his arms in seven directions at once. Although he and Breakwell did not bowl badly, and he made constant changes, Somerset had lost their grip. However, Boyce was magnificently caught at deep square leg, and after that Essex were out of distance. They quietly played out the rest of the time.

SOMERSET: First Innings. 307 (D. B. Close 86, P. A. Slocombe 61; K. D. Boyce 5 for 69).

Second Innings

R. C. Rose, l-b-w, b Lever	0
P. A. Slocombe, c East, b Lever	27
P. W. Denning, b Boyce	8
I. V. A. Richards, c Gooch, b Lever	39
*D. B. Close, b East	17
†D. J. S. Taylor, b Acfield	35
P. M. Roebuck, not out	48
I. T. Botham, b Acfield	10
D. Breakwell, run out	38
H. R. Moseley, c Turner, b Lever	5
R. J. Clapp, not out	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 6, n-b 6)	18
Total (9 wkts dec)	265

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—0, 2—23, 3—83, 4—90, 5—170, 6—170, 7—207, 8—249, 9—262.

BOWLING: Boyce, 25—6—65—1; Lever, 17—1—63—4; Acfield, 24—5—61—2; Turner, 10—1—29—0; East, 5—1—9—1.

ESSEX: First Innings. 301 for 5 dec (K. S. McEwan 106, B. E. A. Edmeades 55, K. W. R. Fletcher 53).

Second Innings

B. E. A. Edmeades, c Richards, b Botham	17
B. R. Hardie, c Botham, b Moseley	35
K. S. McEwan, c Richards, b Breakwell	15
*K. W. R. Fletcher, st Taylor, b Close	13
G. A. Gooch, st Taylor, b Breakwell	5
S. Turner, st Taylor, b Breakwell	7
K. D. Boyce, c Slocombe, b Close	59
R. E. East, b Close	0
†N. Smith, not out	32
J. K. Lever, b Botham	3
D. L. Acfield, not out	1
Extras (b 1, w 4, n-b 4)	9
Total (9 wkts)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—41, 3—72, 4—79, 5—85, 6—101, 7—110, 8—153, 9—165.

BOWLING: Moseley, 9—1—21—1; Clapp, 4—0—22—0; Botham, 8—0—17—2; Breakwell, 19—7—37—3; Close, 16—6—59—3; Richards, 2—1—1—0.

Umpires: W. L. Budd and D. G. L. Evans.

Today's cricket

Gillette Cup Final

LORD'S: Middlesex v Lancashire (10.30, 60 overs).

Other Match

SCARBOROUGH: T. N. Pearce's XI v Derrick Robins's XI (11.30 to 6.0).

Tomorrow

John Player League

DARLEY DALE: Derbyshire v Hampshire (2.0 to 6.30).
CANTERBURY: Kent v Somerset (2.0 to 6.40).
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Gloucestershire (2.0 to 6.30).
BRACKLEY: Northamptonshire v Nottinghamshire (2.0 to 6.40).
THE OVAL: Surrey v Warwickshire (2.0 to 6.40).
HOVE: Sussex v Lancashire (2.0 to 6.40).
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Glamorgan (2.0 to 6.40).

Other Match

SCARBOROUGH: T. N. Pearce's XI v Derrick Robins's XI (one day).

Citizens of Guildford need be sensitive no more

By a Special Correspondent

GUILDFORD: Surrey (16pts) beat Northamptonshire (4) by 104 runs.

The requirement at the start of the day, with two Northamptonshire wickets already gone, was 304 in a possible six hours, and twice there seemed an outside chance of an exciting finish.

Willey, upon whom Mushtaq's main hopes must have rested, drove thunderously but straight at Howarth's breastbone soon after Hodgson had been caught close behind square, and when Larkins was leg-before and Romaines lost his middle stump to the last ball before luncheon, Surrey were a couple of low hills and a bend or two from home. A possible three hours and 45 minutes remained, and Mushtaq, with the reflexes of a cat—in the prime of its life at that—had made 62.

After the interval he opened out, and was especially severe on Smith in one over of unobjectionable length. While Sarfraz used his long reach against a variety of bowlers, whom Jackman switched around frequently, Mushtaq notched his hundred with his fifteenth four, and anxious eyes were raised towards a mass of rain clouds coming up from the direction of Godalming. Then Sarfraz was defeated by the tireless Jackman; Intikhab spun out Sharp and Bedi in three balls, and Mushtaq went after everything until he failed to clear extra cover.

Thus an attractive game ended at 3.20 on the third day on a pitch almost ideal for championship play. Seam, spin, strokes and sorrows. The citizens of Guildford and their visitors need be sensitive no more.

SURREY: First Innings. 316 (L. E. Skinner 61; Sarfraz Nawaz 6 for 80). Second Innings. 262 for 9 dec (Younis 57, A. R. Butcher 52).

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings. 124 (R. D. Jackman, 7 for 54).

Second Innings

R. T. Virgin, l-b-w, b Jackman	8
E. Cook, l-b-w, b Arnold	27
*Mushtaq Mohammad, c Smith, b Intikhab	120
A. Hodgson, c Intikhab, b Pocock	32
P. Willey, c Howarth, b Jackman	4
W. Larkins, l-b-w, b Arnold	11
P. Romaines, b Smith	6
Sarfraz Nawaz, l-b-w, b Jackman	23
†G. Sharp, c and b Intikhab	3
B. S. Bedi, c Jackman, b Intikhab	0
J. C. J. Dye, not out	3
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 3)	4
Total	250

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—55, 2—40, 3—109, 4—121, 5—143, 6—154, 7—226, 8—231, 9—231, 10—250.

BOWLING: Arnold, 31—4—65—2; Jackman, 24—8—71—3; Pocock, 6—1—3—1; Butcher, 5—0—11—0; Smith, 12—2—34—1; Intikhab, 14.1—0—59—3.

Umpires: D. Oslear and P. Rochford.

County championship

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Leicester (4)	19	11	1	7	59	55	224
Yorkshire (11)	19	9	1	9	53	64	207
Surrey (7)	19	8	3	8	54	64	198
Hampshire (2)	18	9	6	3	43	64	197
Lancashire (8)	18	8	3	7	51	64	195
Essex (12)	19	7	5	7	60	63	193
Kent (10)	18	7	4	7	51	62	183
Glamorgan (16)	19	7	8	4	42	64	176
Northants (3)	19	6	9	4	36	71	167
Middlesex (6)	20	6	7	7	45	59	164
Worcester (1)	19	5	5	9	53	60	163
Somerset (5)	19	4	8	7	48	61	149
Warwicks (9)	19	4	9	6	44	62	146
Derbyshire (17)	18	5	6	7	30	62	143
Gloucester (14)	18	4	8	6	41	57	133
Nottingham (16)	19	2	9	8	55	63	138
Sussex (13)	18	2	12	4	36	55	111

Notts v Warwicks

AT NOTTINGHAM

Nottinghamshire (8 pts) drew with Warwickshire (7).

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings. 307 (J. A. Jameson 65, D. L. Murray 59; R. A. White 5 for 83).

Second Innings

J. A. Jameson, c Harris, b Stead	0
D. L. Amiss, c Harris, b Stead	75
J. Whitehouse, b White	116
A. I. Kallicharran, c Harris, b Taylor	54
†D. L. Murray, c Todd, b Taylor	32
P. R. Oliver, not out	27
E. E. Hemmings, not out	19
Extras (b 13, l-b 3, w 1, n-b 1)	17
Total (5 wkts dec)	309

R. G. D. Willis, S. P. Perryman, *D. J. Brown, P. J. Lewington did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—164, 3—222, 4—257, 5—262.

BOWLING: Stead, 23—9—51—2; Taylor, 19—1—83—2; White, 35—5—111—1; Hacker, 16—2—42—0; Johnson, 1—0—5—0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings. 317 for 9 dec (D. W. Randall 153 not out; R. G. D. Willis 3 for 83).

Second Innings

B. Hassan, c Oliver, b Willis	0
P. A. Todd, b Brown	48
*M. J. Smedley, c Whitehouse, b Willis	6
C. E. B. Rice, c Murray, b Brown	9
D. W. Randall, c Murray, b Willis	1
P. D. Johnson, c Jameson, b Hemmings	20
†M. J. Harris, not out	19
R. A. White, l-b-w, b Willis	13
B. Stead, not out	1
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 2)	3
Total (7 wkts)	207

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—2, 2—26, 3—36, 4—47, 5—47, 6—165, 7—157.

BOWLING: Willis, 14—6—24—4; Brown, 10—1—44—2; Lewington, 5—1—13—0; Perryman, 6—1—26—0; Hemmings, 14—4—37—1; Murray, 17—4—60—0.

Umpires: R. Julian and A. Jepson.

Worcs v Glamorgan

AT WORCESTER

Glamorgan (17pts) beat Worcestershire (5) by six wickets.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings. 298 for 7 (J. M. Parker 117).

Second Innings

K. W. Wilkinson, c Llewellyn, b Solanky	31
†G. R. Cass, l-b-w, b Nash	18
Imran Khan, l-b-w, b Nash	11
B. L. D'Oliveira, l-b-w, b Solanky	9
T. J. Yardley, c Llewellyn, b Armstrong	22
J. M. Parker, l-b-w, b Solanky	4
H. G. Wilcock, b Armstrong	13
R. Senghera, not out	12
*N. Gifford, b Armstrong	2
A. P. Pridgeon, c Llewellyn, b Cordle	7
B. M. Brain, b Nash	2
Extras (l-b 5, w 1, n-b 11)	17
Total	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—49, 3—57, 4—64, 5—95, 6—98, 7—116, 8—123, 9—140, 10—143.

BOWLING: Nash, 16.4—6—37—3; Cordle, 10—1—28—1; Solanky, 17—6—37—3; Armstrong, 11—3—24—3.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings. 336 for 5 (A. Jones 167 not out).

Second Innings

A. Jones, not out	46
*Majid Khan, b Senghera	28
R. C. Davis, c Cass, b Pridgeon	18
L. W. Hill, c Wilkinson, b Pridgeon	0
M. J. Llewellyn, b Pridgeon	4
G. Richards, not out	2
Extras	8
Total (4 wkts)	106

J. W. Solanky, †E. W. Jones, M. A. Nash, A. E. Cordle, G. D. Armstrong did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—43, 2—73, 3—73, 4—103.

BOWLING: Brain, 5—0—31—0; Imran Khan, 8—3—14—0; Senghera, 12.2—3—43—1; Pridgeon, 9—3—18—3.

Umpires: D. J. Constant and A. G. T. Whitehead.

Hants v Yorkshire

AT SCARBOROUGH

Fenner Trophy final (50 overs): Hampshire beat Yorkshire by seven wickets.

YORKSHIRE

*G. Boycott, st Stevenson, b Mottram	116
J. H. Hampshire, l-b-w, b Jesty	53
†D. L. Bairstow, c Murtagh, b Taylor	17
G. B. Stevenson, b Rice	3
C. Johnson, c Rice, b Taylor	24
R. G. Lumb, c Gilliat, b Taylor	7
P. J. Squires, not out	10
Extras (l-b 9, n-b 2)	11
Total (6 wkts)	240

A. Sidebottom, H. P. Cooper, A. L. Robinson, A. G. Nicholson did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—124, 2—175, 3—183, 4—203, 5—220, 6—240.

BOWLING: Mottram, 10—1—38—1; Rice, 10—1—36—1; Jesty, 10—0—57—1; Taylor, 10—0—52—3; Sainsbury, 8—0—54—0; Murtagh, 2—0—12—0.

HAMPSHIRE

B. A. Richards, not out	106
C. G. Greenidge, c Nicholson, b Sidebottom	47
D. R. Turner, b Stevenson	6
T. E. Jesty, b Nicholson	35
*R. M. C. Gilliat, not out	32
Extras (b 16, w 1)	17
Total (3 wkts, 45.4 overs)	243

P. J. Sainsbury, J. M. Rice, M. N. S. Taylor, A. J. Murtagh, †G. R. Stephenson, T. J. Mottram did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—91, 2—109, 3—164.

BOWLING: Robinson, 10—1—39—0; Nicholson, 10—1—43—1; Cooper, 8—1—47—0; Sidebottom, 10—0—49—1; Stevenson, 7.4—0—48—1.

Umpires: W. E. Phillipson and R. Aspinall.

Second XI competition

CHELMSFORD: Essex II 225 for 5 dec and 55; Surrey II 206 and 73 for 2. Surrey won by eight wickets.

Golf

Hayes favourite in Ryder-less field

By Peter Ryde
Golf Correspondent

The Ryder-less semi-finalists in the matchplay championship sponsored by Sun Alliance at Lindrick, Yorkshire, are Ronnie Shade, of Scotland, against Eddie Polland, of Ireland, and Peter Butler, of England, against Dale Hayes, of South Africa. The international factor will add colour to a last day which lacks a real star.

Hayes has made a great deal of money in the past few years, but has yet to do something to raise him into the top class. He will have the advantage of youth over Butler, and will be knocking the ball well past his opponent as he did yesterday against Gregson. Butler is 43 and it is a long road to the final. But he disposed of the last two Ryder Cup men. In the morning Wood took too long to find the pace of the greens and was never allowed to forget it. Darcy was showing signs of wear against Butler towards the end, excepting always his despairing long iron to the 16th for a last birdie. Butler has been sustained by the return in recent weeks of a form long lost.

The match of the day to watch was Polland's victory over Bob Gilder, an American. One might almost have strayed into an amateur championship. Gilder, who has done better out of his own country than inside it, shouldered his own drainpipe golf bag; both opponents smiled at each other and gave each other putts of unthinkable length at a stage when the winner would make sure of earning £1,000; and they went round at a good pace. It was most refreshing.

Moreover, the golf was good. Polland started off as though he meant to take the American by storm. He made birdies from 12ft and 5ft at the first two holes and was pin high in two at the fourth for a third birdie. Gilder simply could not get the ball inside him and looked likely to become four down at the sixth. But Polland missed from 3ft and, the way he was playing, that was a rebuff, as a poor drive to the seventh indicated.

Victory suddenly looked much harder as Gilder at last got a putt in at the eighth and was down in two from a bunker at the 11th, his opponent failing to match him from the same bunker. But Polland hit two fine shots to the 13th to make it two up again, and I take him, on a pure hunch, to beat Shade in the morning and lose to Hayes in the final.

One should perhaps on past form prefer the chances of Butler to Hayes, but the South African has, in spite of three times being second, broken through on the Continent, and it is time he did the same in this country. It is in his favour that he has driven well with a new set of clubs this week. Shade overcame another, younger South African, Oosthuizen, by winning four out of five holes from the turn, the 13th in five, where the South African was bunkered and took three putts, and the next two holes in birdies.

Results as matchplay enters semi-final stage

Fourth round

R. Gilder (US) beat B. J. Hunt (Foxhills), 4 and 3.
A. Oosthuizen (South Africa) beat R. Wynn (Leatherhead), at 19th.
E. Polland (Balmoral) beat W. Hector (Seaton Carew), at 19th.
P. J. Butler (unattached) beat N. D. WOOD (Turnberry), 1 hole.
E. DARCY (Erewash Valley) beat P. M. Townsend (Portmarnock), 2 and 1.
R. D. Shade (Duddingston House) beat M. F. Foster (Gilgran), at 22nd.
D. HAYES (St Pierre) beat G. R. Burroughs (Boyce Hill), 3 and 1.
M. E. Gregson (Ainsdale Park) beat S. C. Mason (Goring and Streatley), 2 and 1.

Quarter-final round

Polland beat Gilder, 3 and 2.
Shade beat Oosthuizen, 4 and 3.
Butler beat DARCY, 2 and 1.
HAYES beat Gregson, 4 and 3.

Card of course

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
1	301	4	10	[illegible]	4
2	[illegible]	4	11	[illegible]	3
3	[illegible]	3	12	[illegible]	4
4	[illegible]	4	13	[illegible]	4
5	[illegible]	4	14	[illegible]	5
6	[illegible]	4	15	[illegible]	4
7	[illegible]	3	16	[illegible]	5
8	[illegible]	4	17	[illegible]	4
9	[illegible]	4	18	[illegible]	5
Out	3,164	35	In	[illegible]	36

British and Irish home one under the eight

By Lewine Mair

Though Great Britain and Ireland needed only 2½ pts from the eight afternoon singles to defeat the Continent of Europe at Muirfield yesterday, it was not until the seventh match—that between Mary McKenna and Carol Charbonnier—that the home team clinched the Vagliano Trophy, the final margin being 13½ pts to 10½. Aside from Miss McKenna, who defeated the youthful Miss Charbonnier by 3 and 1, to be the only unbeaten player in either team, the only other British girl to win her singles was Anne Stant.

Two up after the fourteenth, but all square leaving the seventeenth green, Mrs Stant hit two lovely woods on to the back of the green at the 337yd eighteenth on the way to a winning four.

Julia Greenhalgh, playing first, lost to Marina Ragher, of Italy, by 3 and 1. Because she had had trouble with her graphite-shafted driver in her other matches, Miss Greenhalgh was using a three wood off the tee. It was a precaution which did not pay off in that it gave the powerful Mrs Ragher too much of an advantage in terms of length.

Six three putts in the course of 16 holes cost Suzanne Cadden her match against Martine Giraud. Though she had abandoned the putter with which she had five times taken three putts on Thursday afternoon, this great little golfer simply could not get the feel of the Muirfield greens.

The match of the afternoon was without doubt that in which Maureen Walker escaped with a half against Liv Wollin. One down and bunkered off her tee shot at the 18th, Miss Walker played an immaculate stroke from her second bunker on that hole, her ball pulling up within two feet of the flag. Mrs Wollin then took three putts from the front edge of the green to lose the hole.

In the morning foursomes Miss Cadden and Miss Walker had had a run, from the sixth, of 4, 2, 3, 4, 4 against the card of 5, 3, 5, 5, 5 on the way to defeating Mrs Ragher and Anne-Marie Palli by 6 and 5. In the fourth foursome—the only one which the home team failed to win—Beverly Huke had to come in for Ann Irvin after the Lancashire golfer had slipped on a stone floor in her golfshoes and disturbed a joint in her back, which she had injured before last year's Curtis Cup match.

The Irvin-Needham partnership had been a good one, with the vastly more experienced Miss Irvin bringing out the best in her partner. The combination of Miss Needham and Miss Huke, though unavoidable in the circumstances, never promised to be a success, for Miss Huke, like Miss Needham, is not yet sure of herself at this level.

That the visitors won only two of the eight foursomes played in the Vagliano owes much to the fact that the girls, coming, as they do, from countries as far apart as Sweden and Italy, so seldom meet up to play this form of golf. "As you can imagine", Mrs Segard, their captain, said, "it is very difficult to decide how to pair them."

Singles

Mrs Ragher beat Miss Greenhalgh, 3 and 1.
Mrs Giraud beat Miss Cadden, 3 and 2.
Mrs Wollin halved with Miss Walker.
Marquesa de Artazona (Spain) halved with Miss Huke.
Miss Bohm beat Miss Needham, 6 and 5.
Miss Palli lost to Mrs Stant, 1 hole.
Miss Charbonnier lost to Miss McKenna, 3 and 1.
Miss Reybroeck halved with Miss Perkins.

Foursomes

Mrs L. Wollin (Sweden) and Mrs M. Giraud (France) lost to Miss J. Greenhalgh (Pleasington) and Miss T. Perkins (Wenvoe Castle), 6 and 5.

Mrs M. Ragher (Italy) and Miss A. M. Palli (France) lost to Miss S. Cadden (Troon) and Miss M. Walker (Kilmacolm), 6 and 5.

Miss C. de Werra and Miss C. Charbonnier (Switzerland) lost to Miss M. McKenna (Donabate) and Mrs A. Stant (Beau Desert), 3 and 2.

Miss C. Reybroeck (Belgium) and Miss B. Bohm (West Germany) beat Miss B. Huke (Cotswold Hills) and Miss S. Needham (Cawder), 1 hole.

BURHILL: Family foursomes: Semi-final round: Mrs S. Valdinger and J. R. Valdinger (Wentworth and Cost Hill) beat Mrs R. C. Oliver and N. Oliver (West Byfleet), 1 hole; Mrs P. P. Williams and D. Williams (Hayling Island) beat Mrs C. L. McKay-Forbes and A. J. McKay-Forbes (Ranelagh Common and Hindhead), 4 and 3. Final: Mrs P. P. Williams and D. Williams beat Mrs S. Valdinger and J. R. Valdinger at 20th.

NARASHINO: 131: S. Ginn (Australia), 66, 65; 133: G. Marsh (Australia), 71, 62; R. Jones (Australia), 63, 71; Y. Miyamoto 67, 66; 136: N. Suzuki 70, 66.

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA: 65: M. McLendon, J. Schroeder 66; T. Dill, L. Thompson; 67: J. Colbert, L. Hinson, D. Graham (Australia), A. Taylor; 68: J. Toepel, K. Still, K. Farley, H. Green, J. C. Snead, J. Ewing, R. Grenshaw.

Football

Claims st[...] high, quality st[...] low

By Norman Fox

Last weekend brought [...] of enlightenment from [...] Football League manag[...] a small proportion, [...] at Queen's Park Rangers [...] Ham United, did indeed; [...] spreading criticism [...] "workrate" dominated [...] Most of those who [...] raneous claims about [...] quality of last season's [...] tion were too close to [...] for their own good and [...] England, Scotland and [...] Ireland have all been en[...] by shoddy performance[...] week, there must be less [...]

If there is little time fo[...] to improve before their [...] European championship [...] there is even less for [...] volved in the Europ[...] competitions a week on [...] day. Few of the players [...] in this week's internati[...] tured glowing headline[...] will need to recover con[...] today's league programm[...]

For Derby County an[...] Town, both involved in [...] games on September 17 [...] highly complimented [...] have yet to be involve[...] race. They are idling [...] racing champions relega[...] back of the grid.

Derby's manager, Davi[...] made so many high-flo[...] about his team after that [...] FA Charity Shield mat[...] West Ham, that his team[...] of one win in five lea[...] casts doubt on the valu[...] fessional opinions. Perh[...] all, the spectators are [...] of touch as those peop[...] the game may think. Th[...] in critical mood at the [...] Ground today when Bu[...] team who often act as th[...] setters, come to test [...] pion's true value.

Derby are still not s[...] the fitness of their [...] defender, McFarland, wi[...] miss England's match b[...] a strained groin. He [...] happy in training yeste[...] will have a test befor[...] match. But another of [...] most powerful defender[...] of West Ham, may be [...] Upton Park where M[...] City will threaten the [...] doner's unbeaten recor[...] is chosen as substitute [...] summer recovering from [...] operation and he will [...] to make a short appea[...] wards the end of the ga[...]

Undoubtedly, Old Tra[...] again be packed for th[...] Tottenham Hotspur. Th[...] here could be the [...] United's Scottish [...] Forsyth, who, accordi[...] manager, Tommy Doch[...] not been playing well. [...] an 18-year-old, could [...] first appearance. Totten[...] Chivers back in the a[...] Perryman returns as ca[...]

Already there is a [...] emerging at the foot of [...] division.

Rugby Union

Why England have special interest in Australian tou[r]

By Gordon Allan

In cricket, we have just had an Australian summer. In rugby, an Australian winter is about to begin. The Australians open their tour on October 29, when they play Oxford University, and close it on January 24, when they play the Barbarians in Cardiff. Their itinerary includes matches against Scotland on December 6, Wales on December 20, England on January 3, and Ireland on January 17.

Nobody will be more interested in the tour than England. For one thing, they have a new coach, Peter Colston, the former Bristol full back, who will try to succeed where John Burgess failed. For another, it is only four months since Australia beat them 2—0 in the series in Australia.

That hurt, in more than one sense. At the outset of the second international in Brisbane there were more punches than passes; Burton, the England prop forward, was ordered off; and there was widespread trepidation subsequently about what might happen when the Australians came to Britain. It is a fair bet, however, that the Jeremiahs will be wrong. Expecting the worst is as good a way as any of averting it.

Neary, the probable captain, is one of the few England players sure of his place. There are situations vacant, for example, at full back, half back and lock forward, with Hignell, Bennett, Kingston, Wilkinson and Mantell among the newer men hoping to fill them, barring the discovery of unsuspected geniuses. What to do with Duckham is another vexed question. As for the Australians, they have no anxieties at half back, at any rate. Hipwell, the crafty old hand at scrum half, and Wright, the crafty young one at stand-off, should see to that.

If England's purpose is to find a good team, Wales's is to make a good one better. That always seems to be the way with Wales, according to their envious neighbours. They were champions last season, and with John Dawes coaching them, Mervyn Davies leading them, and an abundance of talent, they seem halfway to the championship again. They have the additional advantage of a tour of the Far East to help them get together. Their first match is in Hongkong next Wednesday and their last in Tokyo on September 23.

Ireland have had all summer to ruminate on that mad March day when Wales beat them 32-4 in Cardiff. It was a pity that McBride's last match for Ireland should have been so inglorious. He has now retired from representative rugby, so that Ireland have to find a captain as well as one, or two players, preferably of the younger school. They are unlikely to look farther than either Gibson or Slattery for a captain.

Scotland's team should be much what it was last season, when they had the pack but not the penetration. Perhaps McLauchlan, their captain, and Bill Dickinson, their coach, will have returned from New Zealand with some fresh ideas. On the evidence of the last Calcutta Cup game, Scotland badly need such ideas. Eight forwards and Irvine, fine though they are, do not make a team.

France lost both internationals in South Africa during the summer, but 11 of their best players were left at home. Among the encouraging points of the tour was the form of less known players such as Harize and Averous on the wings, Pestell at stand-off, and Paparemborde in the forwards. Harize is said to be a young man who listens to advice and then forgets it and plays by instinct. Argentina's national team, the Pumas, are visiting France for the first time next month, and the French are treating them anything but lightly.

Representatives of the principal clubs in England and Wales are meeting again on September 21 to discuss proposals for a matchplay championship, or league, in the 1976-77 season. The proposals have been made by Alfred Wyman, Coventry's match secretary, and most of the clubs are said to favour them. There are those who cry woe to schemes like these. But the more sensible [...] might be to try this one [...] as the Scots tried lea[gue...] found them less inimical [...] expected.

There has been some in[...] to-ing and fro-ing of pl[...] cently. Rosslyn Park [...] cruited Byrne, the Bl[...] stand-off; Bulpitt, the Bl[...] and former England wi[...] quarter, who has emerg[...] retirement; Charles Ral[...] England under-19 stand-[...] will be at St Mary's [...] and Mordell, the Wasps [...] But they will be losing A[...] their Junior All Blacks [...] who is going to universit[...] United States after Chris[...]

Three Cambridge Blue[...] low, Richard Thomas an[...] (all forwards), have join[...] don Welsh, and two Oxfor[...] Davis, an Australian in[...] Macdonald, a South Afr[...] 8, have joined Saracens. [...] have a new fixture in [...] against Cambridge Unive[...] Southgate. Lambert, the [...] borough Colleges wing, ha[...] Harlequins, but Barry, the [...] ing hooker, has returned [...] land for a year. Clark, th[...] Navy and former [...] hooker, may be availa[...] London Scottish, and Was[...] enlisted Fulwood and Sco[...] forwards, from London [...] and Loughborough Colle[...] spectively.

Weekend fixtures

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated.

First division

Arsenal v Leicester
Birmingham v QPR
Coventry v Ipswich
Derby v Burnley
Leeds v Wolves
Liverpool v Sheffield Utd
Manchester U v Tottenham H
Middlesbrough v Stoke
Newcastle v Aston Villa
Norwich v Everton
West Ham v Manchester C

Second division

Blackburn v Bristol City
Blackpool v Oldham
Bolton v Southampton
Bristol Rov v Charlton
Chelsea v Nottm Forest
Hull City v Orient
Notts C v Carlisle
Oxford Utd v Fulham
Plymouth v Sunderland
Portsmouth v Luton
West Bromwich v York

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Wealdstone; Bedford v Hillingdon; Chelmsford v Burton; Dunstable v Nuneaton; Grantham v Yeovil; Kettering v Gravesend; Stourbridge v Maidstone; Telford v Cambridge City; Tonbridge v Bath; Weymouth v Dover; Wimbledon v Margate. First division—north: Banbury v King's Lynn; Bromsgrove v Barry; Bury Town v Redditch; Cheltenham v Bedworth; Enderby v Witney Town; Kidderminster v Corby; Milton Keynes v Wellingborough; Oswestry v A. P. Leamington; Stevenage v Merthyr Tydfil; Tamworth v Gloucester; Worcester v Barnet. First division—south: Basingstoke v Poole; Bexley v Ashford; Canterbury v Metro Police; Crawley v Salisbury; Dartford v Bognor Regis; Folkestone/Shepway v Andover; Hastings v Dorchester; Minehead v Waterlooville; Ramsgate v Guildford; Trowbridge v Romford.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow v Goole; Buxton v Lancaster; Gainsborough v Bangor City; Gateshead v Boston United; Morecambe v Macclesfield; Mossley v Altrincham; Netherfield v Matlock; Runcorn v Gt Harwood; Skelmersdale v Northwich Vic; South Liverpool v Scarborough (2.30); Stafford Rangers v Fleetwood; Worksop v Wigan Athletic.

Third division

Aldershot v Mansfield
Cardiff v Crystal Palace
Chester v Grimsby
Chesterfield v Peterborough (3.15)
Colchester v Halifax
Gillingham v Preston
Millwall v Hereford
Port Vale v Brighton
Rotherham v Bury
Sheffield Wed v Wrexham
Shrewsbury v Swindon
Walsall v Southend

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen v Motherwell
Ayr v St Johnstone
Celtic v Dundee
Dundee Utd v Hibernian
Hearts v Rangers

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Bishop's Stortford v Leatherhead; Dagenham v Hayes; Dulwich Hamlet v Oxford City; Enfield v Slough Town; Hendon v Barking; Hitchin Town v Woking; Ilford v Clapton; Kingstonian v Staines Town; Leytonstone v Walthamstow Avenue; Sutton United v Southall and EB; Tooting and Mitcham v Wycombe Wanderers.

Fourth division

Bournemouth v Doncaster
Brentford v Barnsley
Cambridge Utd v Stockport
Crewe v Torquay
Lincoln v Reading
Rochdale v Newport
Scunthorpe v Huddersfield (3.15)
Watford v Hartlepool
Workington v Exeter

Scottish first division

Airdrie v Kilmarnock
Arbroath v Montrose
Dumbarton v Falkirk
East Fife v Dunfermline
Hamilton v Queen of S
Partick Th v Clyde
St Mirren v Morton

ATHENIAN LEAGUE CUP: First round: Aylesbury United v Edmonton-Haringey; Camberley v Lewes; Eastbourne Town v Tring Town; Epping Town v Windsor & Eton; Erith and Belvedere v Hemel Hempstead; Feversham Town v Molesey; Grays Athletic v Epsom and Ewell; Harefield United v Uxbridge; Hounslow v Petersham; Leytonstone Wingate v Eastbourne United; Marlow v Egham; Rainham v Edgware; Redhill v Alton Town; Ruislip Manor v Letchworth Town; Willesden v Cheshunt; Worthing v Addlestone.

Scottish second divi[sion]

Brechin v Forfar
Cowdenbeath v Raith
E Stirling v Queen's Pk
Stenhousemuir v Alloa
Stirling Albion v Clydebank
Stranraer v Albion Rovers

Rugby Union

Aberavon v Glamorgan Wdrs (...
Bath v Pontypool (3.0).
Birkenhead Park v Rugby
Blackheath v Sidcup (3.0).
Bridgwater & Albion v Richmond
Broughton Park v Gloucester
Bedford v Leicester (3.0).
Camborne v Trojans (3.0).
Ebbw Vale v Newbridge.
Edinburgh Wdrs v Glasgow Hig[h]
Fylde v Coventry (3.15).
Gosforth v Halifax.
Headingley v Hawick.
Huddersfield v St Helens (3.0).
Hull & East Riding v Sheffield
Liverpool v Wasps (3.0).
London Irish v Old Alleynians.
Maesteg v South Wales Police
Manchester v Waterloo (3.0).
Moseley v Cardiff (3.0).
Neath v Abertillery (3.15).
New Brighton v London Welsh
Newport v Penarth.
Nottingham v Birmingham.
Orrell v West of Scotland.
Penzance & N v Metro Police.
Pontypridd v Llanelli (3.0).
St Ives v Clifton.
Sale v Harrogate (3.0).
Saracens v Bradford (3.0).
Somerset Police v Exmouth (3.0
Stroud v Cheltenham.
Swansea v Cross Keys (3.0).
Taunton v President's XV.
Weston-super-Mare v Oxford.
Wilmslow v Plymouth Albion.

Tomorrow

Rugby Union

CLUB MATCH: Torquay Athl[etic v] Penryn.

SEVEN-A-SIDE COMPETITION: [Har]lequins event (Sloop ground, [...]

Yesterday's results

FOURTH DIVISION: Northam[pton] Town 4, Bradford City 3; Southpo[rt ...] Swansea City 1; Tranmere Rover[s ...] Darlington 0.

RUGBY UNION: Bridgend [...] Tredegar 6; Birkenhead Park 14, [Lon]don Welsh 32; St Ives 26, [Metro] Police 7; Torquay Athletic 7, [...] 17.

RUGBY LEAGUE: First divi[sion:] Castleford 34, Warrington 1[...] 30, Widnes 10. Second division. [...] 33, Doncaster 10; Whitehaven [...] Bramley 13.

Weekend television highlights

BBC 1

Cricket: Lancashire v Middlesex (10.20, 1.10, 3.20)
Football: Preview (12.30)
Equestrian: British show jumping championships (about 2.45, about 3.50); European three-day championships (4.15)
Athletics: Pye Cup final (about 2.45, about 3.50)
Football: Match of the Day (10.5)

BBC 2

Cricket: Lancashire v Middlesex (4.30)

IBA—tomorrow

Football: The Big Match (2.0)

BBC 1—tomorrow

Equestrian: European three-day championships (about 4.40); British show jumping championships (about 4.40)

BBC 2

Cricket: John Player League (1.50)

IBA

Football: Preview (12.35)
Water skiing: World championships (1.0, 3.10)
Racing: Sandown Park races at 1.30, 2.0, 2.30, 3.0; Nottingham races at 1.45, 2.15, 2.45
Wrestling: Wolverhampton promotion (4.0)

Yachting

Silent gun signals victory for a Rocket called Solitaire

By John Nicholls

Harry Haynes and Jeffrey Conway are the new champions of the Merlin-Rocket class after a dramatic ending to the final race of the series at Weymouth yesterday. Three of the first four boats to finish, including those of Haynes and John Harris, the overnight points leader, were disqualified for being over the line at the start.

For Harris this was crucial, for he had already discarded his worst race, a previous disqualification, and now he was out of the championship. It was, ironically, almost the only way Haynes could win. He was already second on points to Harris, but was so far behind that Harris had only to coast round the course to win.

Haynes's disqualification was not nearly so important. He merely discarded yesterday's race, as his worst result in the best five out of six series, and counted a 26th in his total. He still had the lowest total in the fleet of 180 boats in an unusually high-scoring series. Michael Fowler and his sister Mandy, in the running for fourth place overall, were also among the 11 boats that were disqualified for starting early.

Until the silent gun broke the news of his disqualification to Harris he seemed to be fully in command of the situation. His objective in the race had been to finish ahead of Haynes. This he achieved without difficulty, crossing the finishing line second to Vernon Ralston and Peter Siddall, who fully deserved their win. They led around most of the course in conditions that were the best of the week.

SILENT WORLD TROPHY: 1, End Up First (V. Ralston and P. Siddall, Essex YC); 2, Aftermath (I. McLuckie and M. Parkin, Hamble River SC); 3, Yesterday Man (R. Davis and Miss F. Godfrey, Whitstable YC); 4, Late Night Extra (G. Winder and N. Sixsmith, Hollingworth Lake SC); 5, Mustard Seed (P. Rowsell and J. Turner, Exe SC); 6, Infibulation (B. Dunning and N. Turner, Sussex Motor YC). Overall: 1, Solitaire (H. Haynes and J. Conway, Nottingham SC), 51¾ pts; 2, Asp (J. Rook and G. Purlington, Sussex Motor YC), 69 pts; 3, Yesterday Man, 71 pts; 4, Chuff (J. Worsdale and N. Appleton, Bristol Corinthian YC), 72 pts; 5, Aftermath, 73 pts; 6, End Up First, 73¾ pts.

LA ROCHELLE: World Fireball Championships: Sixth race: 1, Jolluseau and Guy (France); 2, Ell's and Ellis (US); 3, Brackwell and Treadwell (Britain); 4, Davies and Moulder (GB); 5, Morgenrood and Lapham (Rhodesia); 6, Hooper and Hooper (Australia). Overall: 1, Ellis and Ellis, 23.30 pts; 2, Morgenrood and Lapham, 24.70; 3, Brackwell and Treadwell, 30.70.

TORBAY: National Laser championships (Performance Sailcraft Trophy): 1, R. Watson (Auckland); 2, Samantha (G. A. Witcher, Weirwood SC); 3, Cat Ballou (G. Owen, West Kirby SC); 4, Lmilane (H. Nickless, Crawley Mariners); 5, Valediction (G. H. Theaker, Midland Bank SC); 6, The Gunn (R. G. Robinson, West Kirby SC). Overall: 1, Mabel (T. Law, Queen Mary SC); 2, The Gunn; 3, Cat Ballou.

LOOE: National Enterprise championships, final race: 1, Ides of March II (N. Whipp, Dovestone); 2, In Transit (F. Neale, Queen Mary); 3, Aurora Borealis (P. Northern, Welton); 4, Short, Fat n'Harey (S. Bell, Queen Mary); 5, Starfire V (P. Fisher, Draycote Water); 6, Superbox (R. Tushingham, Leeds). Overall: 1, Ides of March II, 10¾ pts; 2, Deirdre Birchwood (M. Rimmer, Grimsby and Cleethorpes), 12¾; 3, Daddy Longlegs (M. McNamara, Grimsby and Cleethorpes), 14¾.

FALMOUTH: Flying Fifteen national championships: City of Plymouth Cup: 1, Slick Chic, J. Royce (Trent Valley); 2, Firewater, R. F. Donaldson (Loch Earn); 3, The Young Pretender, J. H. Flower (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk). Final positions: 1, Slick Chic, 14pts; 2, Flamenco, Mr and Mrs B. Trenoweth, Restronguet, 19.7; 3, The Young Pretender, 25.7.

Athletics

Four records broken in first part of Gold Cup finals

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Four competition records were aten in the first part of the Pye old Cup finals at Crystal Palace st night. They came in the omen's 400 metres hurdles, the en's 400 metres hurdles, and the omen's 800 and shot. In the vital am events Edinburgh Southern ad the women's final for today's mpetition by six points from olverhampton but Wolverhampn have a two-point advantage er Edinburgh Southern in the en's final.

Janette Roscoe was out on her vn in the women's hurdles last ght and missed the British cord of 58sec by only 0.6sec. it an even more impressive deonstration of front-running came om Rosemary Wright in the 800 etres. At the bell, with 59.2sec e was 1.8sec up on the field and 600 metres her lead was an vesome 3.5sec. Her confident tack earned her a cup record of in 5.25sec compared with her m figures, earlier in the comtition this summer, of 2min 2sec.

The best individual race of the ening was the men's intermedie hurdles. Stewart McCallum, Edinburgh Southern, was the vourite with a best time of .39sec, which ranked him third r the season in Britain. But just tside him in the eighth lane was e 1968 Olympic bronze medal inner, John Sherwood, deterined to rediscover his old racing ive for his Sheffield club, which as founded only this year.

Sherwood covered the first four rdles well, taking 13 strides been the obstacles. But then, as said afterwards, "I chickened t, hit the fifth, lost my momenm, but didn't really begin to y for it properly until the ninth d tenth hurdles, which I found rd to clear at all." None the less erwood battled against McCalm all the way up the home raight before losing by only .53sec to 51.48sec—a notable improvement on Sherwood's best is year of 52.5sec achieved on mparatively casual training.

One must not ignore the sterlg efforts of Angus Mackenzie of dinburgh Southern. He won the gh jump (his joint British record older, Michael Butterfield, was vay in Germany competing for e RAF) and the long jump, was fth in the 200 metres for a magnificent total of 22 points, and also competed in the sprint relay.

Two youngsters to gain rewards from the competition were Anne-Marie Robinson with a British junior record in the women's 3,000 metres and 17-year-old Malcolm Edwards with a national youths 800 metres record of 1 min 49.30 secs in second place to Peter Browne, the runner-up in this year's senior AAA championships.

MEN

200 METRES: 1. D. McMaster (Edinburgh), 21.94sec; 2. S. Hall (Hillingdon), 22.06sec; 3. R. Kennedy (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 22.08sec.

400 METRES HURDLES: 1. S. McCallum (Edinburgh Southern Harriers), 51.08sec; 2. J. Sherwood (Sheffield), 51.81sec; 3. S. James (Wolverhampton), 53.33sec.

800 METRES: 1. P. Browne (Thames Valley), 1min 48.84sec; 2. M. Edwards (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 1min 49.30sec; 3. E. Hartel (Bristol), 1min 49.60sec.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE: 1. C. Thomas (Thames Valley), 8min 52.38sec; 3. I. Gilmour (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 8min 58.64sec; 3. I. Elliot (Edinburgh Southern), 8min 59.62sec.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1. Thames Valley, 41.77sec; 2. Wolverhampton and Bilston, 41.79sec; 3. Cardiff, 41.90sec.

HIGH JUMP: 1. A. McKenzie (Edinburgh Southern), 6ft 6¾in; 2. B. Burgess (Edinburgh), 6ft 4¾in; 3. M. Palmer (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 6ft 4¾in.

LONG JUMP: 1. A. McKenzie (Edinburgh Southern), 23ft 10in; 2. D. Johnson (Sheffield), 23ft 9½in; 3. S. Atkins (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 23ft 4in.

DISCUS: 1. W. Tancred (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 190ft 11in; 2. J. Hillier (Hillingdon), 182ft 8in; 3. P. Buxton (Edinburgh Southern), 171ft 5in.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1. Wolverhampton and Bilston, 54 pts; 2. Edinburgh Southern, 52; 3. Thames Valley, 49; 4. Sheffield, 31½; 5. Edinburgh, 30; 6. Cardiff, 27.

Women

200 METRES: 1. H. Golden (Edinburgh Southern), 24.08sec; 2. V. Elder (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 24.24sec; 3. M. Williams (Bristol), 24.66sec.

400 METRES HURDLES: 1. J. Roscoe (Stretford), 58.6sec; 2. G. Spurgin (Wolverhampton), 61.1sec; 3. F. Macaulay (Edinburgh Southern), 62.9sec.

800 METRES: 1. R. Wright (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 2min 5.25sec; 2. A. Clarkson (Edinburgh Southern), 2min 9.15sec; 3. C. Stonhouse (Bristol), 2min 9.46sec.

3,000 METRES: 1. A. M. Robinson (Sale), 9min 33.84sec; 2. V. Rowe (LOAC), 9min 34.94sec; 3. A. Briscoe (Stretford), 9min 39.83sec.

4 x 100 METRES RELAY: 1. Edinburgh Southern, 46.17sec; 2. Wolverhampton and Bilston, 46.56sec; 3. London Olympiades, 47.58sec.

SHOT: 1. B. Bedford (Mitcham), 48ft 10½in; 2. M. Ritchie (Edinburgh Southern), 41ft 6¾in; 3. N. Njoku (Stretford), 39ft 7¾in.

JAVELIN: 1. T. Sanderson (Wolverhampton and Bilston), 168ft 8in; 2. S. Brodie (Edinburgh Southern), 133ft 5in; 3. N. Njoku (Stretford), 131ft 3in.

LEADING POSITIONS: 1. Edinburgh Southern, 49pts; 2. Wolverhampton and Bilston, 43; 3. Stretford, 38; 4. London Olympiades, 31; 5. Bristol, 30; 6. Sale, 26.

Tennis

Borg in place of Ashe a logical situation

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The seedings for the United ates tennis championships have ot worked out so badly after all. hey looked rather silly at one me last week. But only one layer, Bjorn Borg, reached the emi-final round of the singles ithout being seeded to do so. rthur Ashe, seeded in that secon, was beaten by Eddie Dibbs, ho fell to Borg yesterday. Except r Borg in place of Ashe, which a logical substitution on clay ourts, the pairings were as exected: Connors v Borg, Orantes Vilas, Miss Evert v Miss Navratiova, and Mrs Cawley, formerly iss Goolagong, v Miss Wade.

Jimmy Connors was far too. od yesterday for Andrew Pattion, who had played well, had an mirable run of success, but was w rather obviously out of his ss. Borg took almost three urs to subdue Dibbs. Both were licted by cramp, for the first ne in their careers, towards the d of an arduous ordeal. For the st part they were tediously racious.

Manuel Orantes beat Ilie Nastase a mostly delightful if low-keyed monstration of the craft and btlety of clay court tennis. They re elegant and imaginative and venturous, though there was dom much overt violence. stase played a discreet and ciplined game but he was not flamboyantly aggressive player used to be. A disputed line ! soured the last game of a tch in which we tasted the wine tennis—as distinct from the r served by Borg and Dibbs.

aime Fillol played a good first against the spin and severity Guillermo Vilas without getting where, and subsequently ame prey to an inhibiting stration. There was more bad s for Fillol later. The Davis management committee ided that the semi-final between Chile and Sweden must be played in Sweden, as arranged, rather than on neutral territory as the Chileans had requested. A Chilean exile in Sweden has threatened to kill Fillol to make some political point. Yesterday's decision has therefore presented Fillol and the Chilean LTA with a frightful dilemma.

Christine Evert won her eighty-third consecutive clay-court singles by beating Martina Navratilova, two years her junior, 6—4, 6—4. These two are the French and Italian doubles champions and also met in both singles finals, Miss Evert winning on each occasion. Her game is presently better groomed if less ambitious than Miss Navratilova's. Miss Evert has an uncanny precision in using every square foot of the opposite court. She varies her pace, length and angle. She uses the drop shot and, when necessary, the lob. She does it all so soundly that at times she seems incapable of error, yet we knew that if Miss Navratilova could strike and hold the form that beat Margaret Court, she might also be able to beat Miss Evert.

Men's singles

Fifth round
B. Borg (Sweden) beat E. Dibbs (US), 6—4, 7—5, 4—6, 7—5.
G. Vilas (Argentina) beat J. Fillol (Chile), 6—3, 6—0, 6—1.
M. Orantes (Spain) beat I. Nastase (Romania), 6—2, 6—4, 3—6, 6—3.
J. Connors (US) beat A. Pattison (Rhodesia), 6—2, 6—1, 6—2.

Women's singles

Fourth round
Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia) beat Mrs B. M. Court (Australia), 6—2, 6—4.

Fifth round
Miss C. Evert (US) beat Miss M. Navratilova (Czechoslovakia), 6—4, 6—4.

WIMBLEDON: British junior hard court championships: Girls' singles, semi-final round: M. Tyler (Kent) beat J. M. Drurie (Gloucestershire), 6—4, 6—1; D. A. Jovans (Essex) beat L. C. Robinson (Yorkshire), 7—5, 6—4. Boys' singles, semi-final round: C. Kaskow (Devon) beat C. Bradnam (Middlesex), 6—4, 6—0; P. Bourdon (Kent) beat N. A. Rayner (Essex), 4—6, 6—4, 7—5.

French racing

Green Dancer to be tested

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ongchamp reopens its gates on day with four pattern races, 1 of which leads on to the ortant Autumn objectives. ne of the principal contenders, need the outing, but the star ies will certainly be present, uding Alex Head's two winners the Poules d'Essai, Green cer and Ivanjica, and the by runner-up Nobiliary.

reen Dancer will be running the first time since his Epsom ure. He was due to make his rn in the Prix Jacques le ois four weeks ago but he had ched before and the 11-furlong Niel was chosen instead. He reported to be near his best will be tested by Guillaume

is Irish invader has stepped up class with each of his three s. A comfortable winner of Gordon Stakes, he is an ined challenger for the Prix ll-Oak, the French equivalent ne St Leger, on Sunday week. s sure to run well but should Green Dancer too good. and will be represented by e's Pretender, third in the . Derby fourth at Epsom. Second to Free Round at St Cloud in July, he will not be disgraced.

Nobiliary and Ivanjica have to give weight to the rest of the field in the Prix de la Nonette. Ivanjica was injured when finishing fifth behind Ramirez in the Prix d'Ispahan and may need the race but Nobiliary looks capable of the task. He has not run since finishing third to Juliette Marny and Tuscarora in the Irish Guinness Oaks but should prove too good for Infra Green and Duboff.

Infra Green has won three top races this year, but this distance may prove just too far. Duboff, who will be trying for her ninth victory of the year, looks a little outclassed. She suffered her only defeat this season on the only previous occasion that she left England, finishing well behind Nobiliary at the Curragh.

Regardless of how they fare with Guillaume Tell, Vincent O'Brien and Lester Piggott should win the Prix du Rond-Point with Gay Fandango. Lianga, who won the Prix Jacques le Marois by an impressive six lengths last month, will probably start favourite but a line through Rosebowl suggests that Gay Fandango has the measure of her.

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X NIEL (3-y-o: £11,500: 1m 3f)
110 Green Dancer (G. Carrall), A. Head, 9-2 .... G. W. Moore
111 Guillaume Tell (Mrs W. Haefner), V. O'Brien, 9-0 .... L. Piggott
132 Anne's Pretender (Sir C. Clore), H. R. Price, 8-11 .... A. Murray
130 Lioubov (Mrs M. Parrish), R. de Tarragon, 8-11 .... W. Pyers
110 Henri Le Balafre (G. Pourat), F. Mathet, 8-11 .... H. Samani
222 Leros (G. Carrall), A. Head, 8-11 .... J. Taillard
110 Raise A Baby (R. Scully), J. Fellows, 8-10 .... —
020 Valderna (Mrs G. Tkatch de Briones), G. Philippeau, 8-8 .... —
Green Dancer, Leros (coupled), 3-? Guillaume Tell, 9-2 Anne's Pretender, Henri Le Balafre, 16-1 Raise A Baby, 25-1 others.

X DE LA NONETTE (3-y-o fillies: £11,500: 1m 2½f)
203 Nobiliary (N. B. Hunt), M. Zilber, 9-2 .... L. Piggott
310 Ivanjica (C. Carrall), A. Head, 9-2 .... G. W. Moore
211 Infra Green (Mrs J. Pochna), E. Bartholomew, 8-11 .... J. Taillard
103 Sea Sands (W. Salmon jun), M. Clement, 8-11 .... Y. Saint-Martin
110 Raise A Baby (R. Scully), J. Fellows, 8-11 .... W. Pyers
110 Feuille Mort (J. Ternynck), F. Boutin, 8-9 .... P. Paquet
-01 Dancilla (J. Dolbeau), M. Bonaventure, 8-9 .... H. Samani
140 Oak Hill (Mrs S. Hougreen), G. Bridgland, 8-9 .... Y. Josse
101 Serbie (Mrs H. Scuiel), J. Laumain, 8-9 .... F. Flachi
111 Duboff (Mrs C. Radclyffe), B. Hills, 8-9 .... W. Carson
124 Torisca (J. Yoshioul), G. Haim, 8-9 .... A. Badel
Nobiliary, 7-2 Ivanjica, 6-1 Infra Green, 10-1 Duboff, Sea Sands, 14-1 llia, Raise A Baby, 16-1 Feuille Morte, 20-1 others.

Racing

Eddery chooses to ride Consol in St Leger in preference to Patch

By Michael Phillips

Patrick Eddery, the champion jockey, has decided to ride Consol in the St Leger at Doncaster next Saturday. By Reliance, who won the equivalent classic in France in his heyday, Consol has already won three valuable races this season: the Classic trial at Sandown Park; the Royal Whip at the Curragh; and the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury.

The young champion's decision, which was made soon after he had ridden Consol in a workout with Patch at Lambourn yesterday morning, is all the more interesting because he was in the position to choose between Consol and Patch. After all Patch is no slowcoach. He has already won the Derby Trial at Lingfield Park and the Great Voltigeur Stakes this season, besides finishing second in the French Derby.

Both horses are in great heart at present, Consol particularly so. Eddery simply thinks that he is more of a St Leger horse than Patch. Plans for Patch will not be finalized until Peter Walwyn has talked with Dr Carlo Vittadini.

After this latest development. Hills amended their prices, which now read 11-4 King Pellinore, 7-2 Sea Anchor, 6-1 Consol, 8-1 Bruni. Ladbrokes are prepared to lay 5-2 against both King Pellinore and Sea Anchor as against 5-1 Consol and 7-1 Bruni. Consol certainly looked a St Leger horse when he beat his elders to win the Geoffrey Freer Stakes at Newbury last month and it would be as well to bear in mind that he was meeting them on worse terms than is laid down in the weight-for-age scale.

What many ought to find every bit as interesting is the fact that Consol beat Hurry Harriet and Moss Trooper by one and a half lengths and eight lengths when be won the Royal Whip in May and that King Pellinore had a head and eight lengths to spare over the same two horses when he won the Blandford Stakes on the Curragh a week ago.

Whatever happens at Doncaster, Walwyn and Eddery may well continue their triumphant march at Sandown Park this afternoon and win the most important race, the Solario Stakes (3.0), with Apres Demain, and the Chertsey Lock Stakes (4.30), Irish Blue Brigand. The Solario Stakes has been sponsored by Intercraft this year and they must be delighted with the way the race has blossomed.

Sonnenblick and Over To You, starters in the race, are unbeaten. After a slow beginning Senator Sam is another who has found form recently, winning his last five races, but whether this colt, who has graduated from nurseries, is capable of holding his own in this company is a matter for conjecture. Coin of Gold, Delta Song, Tampa and Everything Nice are others to bear in mind. Delta Song and Tampa especially.

Tampa has not run since he finished third in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot. Delta Song lost whatever chance he had of winning the Gimcrack Stakes at York when another runner cannoned into him soon after the start. In his previous race, which was at Goodwood, he beat Ashabit, but Ashabit is a stable companion of Apres Demain and I have a feeling that they know the score. Apres Demain is my selection.

Blue Brigand, another member of that famous entourage at Seven Barrows, ran well enough in the Convivial Stakes at York to suggest that he ought to win his race this afternoon, even though he will be opposed by both Two Together and Kafue Park, who both achieved what was expected of them when first they ran.

The Geoffrey Hamlyn Handicap, which honours one of the most respected men in racing that I have ever had the good fortune to come across, may be won by Western Isle, who won a similar race on this course a week ago. His weight has been increased by a penalty, but so easily did he strike gold that day I have a feeling that he still ought to be capable of coping with All Friends, whom he beat by three and a half lengths, Giselle and Legal Eagle.

Following Peter Walwyn's decision to make Consol Patrick Eddery's partner in the St Leger, Ladbrokes have shortened the colt's price to 5 to 1 for the Doncaster classic. Their odds are 5 to 2 King Pellinore and Sea Anchor, 4 to 1 Patch (with a run), 5 to 1 Consol, 7 to 1 Bruni and 20 to 1 others.

Nuthatch and Sea Break will miss the St Leger at Doncaster today week, but may go for the Irish equivalent at the Curragh on September 20.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good. Nottingham: Good to firm. Lanark: Firm. Thirsk: Good to firm. Bangor: Hard. Windsor (Monday): Good to firm. Hexham (Monday): Firm.

Red Reef can outstay his rivals

By Michael Seely

Paul Mellon's seven-year-old warrior Red Reef can win the William Jackson Hambleton Cup, the centrepiece of an attractive card at Thirsk this afternoon. Although Mill Reef must inevitably take pride of place in the American millionaire's heart he will still cherish the special affection for that series of wonderful old geldings who have all continued to render him yeoman service up to a ripe old age. Morris Dancer, Aldie and Red Reef have all gone on running with zest and relish long after most flat race horses have called it a day.

Red Reef, successful in this long distance handicap in 1973, has struck a purple patch recently. Early in the month he travelled over to Ostend where he won a handicap worth over £4,500 to the winner. At Chester last weekend he hummed round the tight bends like a top and handed out a clever beating to True Word and Silage. Of his opponents, Mark Henry, Seven the Quadrant and Man Alive all seem to have the edge on form. But Red Reef is such a thorough stayer who is in his element on sharp tracks that I take him to gallop his opponents into the ground today.

Featured as an attractive surround for the main event for stayers, the Highflyer Stakes has drawn some pretty fast two-year-olds. The five furlongs at Thirsk is one of the fastest in the country but it will present no problems to Short Reign who covered the same distance at Chepstow in nearly two seconds faster time than Nagwa when they both won on the same afternoon. I was impressed by Nagwa's courage and general air of well being when she scored at Pontefract on Monday but over this distance. Short Reign should have the edge.

Panomark, fourth to Spanish Air in that competitive nursery at York appears dangerous, receiving weight, but may not be quite sharp enough. Red Reef's trainer and jockey Ian Balding and John Matthias can also take the Saxty Way Stakes with Andrew who just beat Great Firefly in an amateur riders race at Leicester recently.

At Nottingham, Balding has a good chance of landing Round 14 on that excellent Crown Plus Two apprentice championship with Mistress Clare. The main race, the Arthur Carr Handicap run over one mile five furlongs, can fall to Invergayle who shaped like a horse returning to form when narrowly failing to beat Saintly Purchase and Dariel at Beverley. Another likely winner from Newmarket is Rippling who can follow up her success at Pontefract in the Bolebec House Stud Nursery Handicap.

Following the recent successful raids by southern trained horses into the northern area it was good to see Yorkshire stables hold their own at Thirsk yesterday afternoon when they won four of the seven races. Peter Easterby won the most valuable race of the day, the Hickleton Handicap Stakes with Affirmative, who came storming through to collar Sindab and the 6-4 favourite Dream Town in the last few strides.

Affirmative belongs to Gordon Spriggs, who bred the filly, now three times a winner this season, at his stud near Melton Mowbray. For many years a patron of the Easterby brothers, Mr Spriggs also owns Boismoss who ran away with the Cesarewitch in 1967. Another long owner in the north is James Taylor, a butcher from Darlington, who saw his home bred colt Blue Jet, narrowly defeat Resin in the Barton Cottage Nursery Handicap. Resin's rider objected to the winner but his protest was quickly overruled.

There was another unsuccessful objection to Royal Orbit who readily defeated Gyrate in the Brompton Handicap Stakes. Bill Watts had his second win at Thirsk of the afternoon when Master Cutter was far too quick for his field in the second division of the Lilburn Tower Maiden Plate.

Sandown Park results

2.00: 1, Silver Camp (6-?); 2, Takrea (15-2); 3, Nalanda (11-2 fav). 20 ran.

2.30: 1, Prince Jay (20-1); 2, Starlit Wagon (33-1); 3, Oh Well (20-1). 19 ran. El Drac and Summer Season did not run. Sam Cade 4-1 fav.

3.0: 1, Ramadan (9-2); 2, Saturnus (3-1); 3, Piser (4-1 fav). 10 ran.

3.30: 1, Grinling Gibbons (11-2); 2, Spanish Lantern (20-1); 3, Lucky Shot (5-1). 12 ran. Inkaband 17-2 fav.

4.0: 1, Royal Boy (1-5); 2, Portella (33-1); 3, Tine City (16-1). 6 ran.

4.30: 1, Pink Palace (5-1 fav); 2, Battle Ruler (10-1); 3, Plumlean (12-1). 21 ran.

TOTE DOUBLE: Ramadan and Royal Boy, £4.45. TREBLE: Prince Jay, Grinling Gibbons, Pink Palace, £196.55.

Thirsk

2.15: 1, Stilton (9-4 fav); 2, Armidale (7-1); 3, Middlestone Lady (20-1). 20 ran. Spurn Point did not run.

2.45: 1, High Drama (2-1 it fav); 2, Bright Comet (5-1); 3, Sistina (2-1 jt fav). 12 ran.

3.15: 1, Affirmative (11-1); 2, Multiple (16-1); 3, Sindab (8-1). 14 ran. Dream Town 6-4 fav.

3.45: 1, Royal Orbit (7-2 fav); 2, Gyrate (14-1); 3, Heriot (20-1). 11 ran.

4.15: 1, Blue Jet (10-1); 2, Resin (3-1 fav); 3, Night Glow (12-1). 12 ran.

4.45: 1, Master Cutter (evens fav); 2, Skiddy River (20-1); 3, Forest Floor (3-1). 16 ran.

5.15: 1, River Petterill (35-1); 2, Prince's Silica (16-1); 3, Kirshberry (2-1 fav). 14 ran. Tribal Duel did not run.

TOTE DOUBLE: Affirmative, Blue Jet, £20.45. TREBLE: High Drama, Royal Orbit, Master Cutter, £5.10.

Sandown Park programme

[*Television (IBA)*: 1.30, 2.0, 2.30 *and* 3.0 *races*]

1.30 SUNBURY CROSS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £943: 1¼m)
102 021000 Noble Bay (D) (Mrs H. Joel), G. Harwood, 9-9 .... — 1
105 100121 Unsuspected (D) (G. Cowell), R. Jarvis, 9-2 M. L. Thomas 6
106 002240 Gently Does It (Col Sir D. Clague), P. Nelson, 8-13 R. Fox 3 9
109 41-000 Great Lad (E. Benjamin), W. Wightman, 8-6 .. A. Murray 8
111 213042 In the Balance (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-3 .... F. Durr 2
112 032112 Love Rocket (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 8-3 B. Raymond 1
114 0-00102 Red Fox (H. Blagrave), Blagrave, 7-11 R. Wernham 5 5
117 00-004 Tight Rope (Maj C. Nathan), G. Smyth, 7-10 D. Cullen 7
119 102022 Tornado Prince (M. Tabor), N. Callaghan, 7-9 K. E. Smith 7 5
3-1 Love Rocket, 4-1 Unsuspected, 9-2 In the Balance, 6-1 Red Fox, 8-1 Gently Does It, Tornado Prince, 13-1 Great Lad, 14-1 others.

2.0 GEOFFREY HAMLYN HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,393: 1m)
201 00-4324 Legal Eagle (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 9-10 R. Marshall 1
202 140003 All Friends (R. Mendoza), N. Vigors, 9-5 .... P. Cook 10
203 010040 Fastacre (V. Advani), A. Breasley, 9-4 .... S. Cottle 5 5
205 100004 Kingshott (Mrs M. Hill), N. Callaghan, 8-12 J. Mercer 3
206 40-0314 Stirling Castle (Sir R. Macdonald-Buchanan), N. Murless, 8-8 G. Lewis 8
207 2-13322 Giselle (Col R. Poole), P. Walwyn, 8-6 .... P. Eddery 9
208 020331 Western Isle (CD) (D. Seale), R. Hannon, 8-6 F. Durr 2
210 130-00 Gisala (Mrs O. Fox-Pitt), R. Armstrong, 7-13 .... — 6
211 300240 Glorious Devon (R. Bulfield), D. Whelan, 7-10 .. B. Rouse 7
213 02-0033 Sportsky (H. Demetriou), C. Brittain, 7-7 .... R. Fox 3 4
100-30 Giselle, 7-2 Western Isle, 4-1 Legal Eagle, 11-2 Stirling Castle, 7-1 All Friends, 10-1 Sportsky, 12-1 Fastacre, 14-1 others.

2.30 BROOKE BOND STAKES (£892: 1¼m)
303 20113-0 Kentucky Fair (D) (J. Manley), P. Cole, 6-10-7 Miss B. Sanders 3
306 42-0012 The Baker (D) (A. Wiseman), D. Gandolfo, 5-10-3 Miss S. Horton 1
307 030-014 Chinese God (Mrs C. Williams), R. Turnell, 5-10-3 Miss J. Penn 10
309 010042 The Maltings (S/Ldr R. Milsom), P. Robinson, 4-10-3 Joy Gibson 2
310 Nagaraja (J. Charlton), R. Hannon, 7-10-3 .... Mirja Mead 7
311 12-2020 Tintoretto (D) (J. Olin), B. van Cutsem, 4-10-3 Miss J. Eade 5
313 003310 Fair Georgina (D) (Mrs C. Pugh), R. Hollinshead, 5-10-0 — 8
314 00-1220 Phrontis (C. Humphris), B. Hills, 3-9-11 Miss S. Hogan 11
315 Samelia (Mrs J. Low), V. Cross, 5-9-8 Miss R. McNeill 9
316 0004-00 Siren Prince (R. Sturdy), Sturdy, 5-9-8 Miss J. Rooney 4
317 Queen's Band (A. Fletcher), K. Bridgwater, 6-9-5 .. — 6
5-2 The Maltings, 7-2 The Baker, 9-2 Phrontis, 5-1 Kentucky Fair, 6-1 Tintoretto, 12-1 Chinese God, 16-1 Fair Georgina, 20-1 others.

3.0 INTERCRAFT SOLARIO STAKES (2-y-o: £3,191: 7f)
401 011 Apres Demain (D) (P. Hexter), P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 8
402 401 Coin of Gold (D) (Mrs C. Elliot), C. Brittain, 8-11 G. Baxter 1
405 210 Delta Song (S. Vanian), B. Price, 8-11 ...... A. Murray 2
406 1 Over To You (D) (Sir M. Sobell), W. Hern, 8-11 J. Mercer 10
406 311111 Senator Sam (D) (G. Barber), J. W. Watts, 8-11 J. Lowe 7
407 11 Sonnenblick (P. Muldoon), G. Richards, 8-11 J. J. O'Neill 3
408 13 Tampa (B. McCormack), P. Cole, 8-11 .... B. Raymond 6
410 31011 Everything Nice (P. Sinodhinos), B. Hobbs, 8-8 G. Lewis 4
413 0220 Arkadie (D. Sasse), Sasse, 8-6 .... F. Durr 5
416 30 Regent Dancer (Mrs V. Kennedy), D. Hanley, 8-6 C. Williams 9
2-1 Apres Demain, 9-2 Sonnenblick, 13-2 Tampa, 8-1 Delta Song, Over To You, 10-1 Senator Sam, Coin of Gold, 14-1 Everything Nice, 16-1 others.

3.30 EGHAM HANDICAP (£1,257: 5f)
501 41-0003 Turnkey (D) (Mrs D. Wigan), H. Price, 4-10-0 A. Murray 5
503 312001 Royfern (D) (A. Kennedy), A. Breasley, 3-9-2 S. Cottle 5 7
505 222120 Last Tango (D) (R. McRobert), J. Sutcliffe, 4-8-8 B. Rouse 10
507 043000 Phlox (D) (Mrs D. Garratt), R. Akehurst, 3-8-5 P. Eddery 9
508 301014 Flashback (CD) (Mrs G. Davison), A. Davison, 4-8-5 G. Baxter 8
509 133043 Gallico (D) (J. Woodman), S. Woodman, 4-8-3 P. Cook 6
510 401000 September Sky (CD) (A Tenty), G. Balding, 4-8-2 R. Fox 3 2
511 0-00010 Princess of Verona (D) (Mrs R. Adam), V. Cross, 5-7-11 R. Wernham 5 3
512 201202 Ribramble (R. Copsey), R. Smyth, 3-7-10 .... T. Cain 3 1
513 0103-30 Faridina (D) (Miss H. Monteith), I. Walker, 3-7-9 M. L. Thomas 4
7-2 Flashback, 9-2 Royfern, 5-1 Turnkey, 13-2 Gallico, 8-1 Last Tango, Princess of Verona, 10-1 September Sky, 12-1 Phlox, 14-1 others.

4.0 TWICKENHAM MAIDEN STAKES (£726: 1¼m)
601 0-00003 Berostina (A. Richards), D. Hanley, 4-8-13 C. Williams 14
603 0044-0 Good Argument (A. Jarvis), W. Marshall, 5-8-13 R. Marshall 11
607 020000 Red Colorado (Mrs C. O'Shea), J. Old, 3-8-5 J. Mercer 8
608 00-000 Riberone (D. Fleming), D. Morley, 3-8-5 ...... A. Murray 9
609 240044 Spring Barley (K. Dodson), S. Ingham, 3-8-5 G. Ramshaw 3
610 000000 Tromso (Mrs L. Bowry), M. Francis, 3-8-5 .... F. Durr 10
613 2-0002 Alpine Nieco (Exors of late Lt-Col J. Carline), P. Nelson, 3-8-2 R. Fox 3 6
614 0-0004 Blickling (Capt G. Fane), J. Bethell, 3-8-2 .... P. Eddery 2
615 00 Catamaran (Miss D. Roth), W. Wightman, 3-8-2 M. L. Thomas 5
616 Do Daa (P. Hammaford), Miss Sinclair, 3-8-2 B. Raymond 15
618 0-00000 Hagi (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 3-8-2 .... D. Cullen 4
619 330443 Levante (B. Loder), T. Corbett, 3-8-2 ...... G. Lewis 13
630 23032 Lutine Belle (R. Francis), G. Harwood, 3-8-2 B. Rouse 7
631 000303 Magic Summer (I. Allan), R. Smyth, 3-8-2 .... P. Cheese 7 12
632 0-00333 Winning Look (R. Moller), H. Wragg, 3-8-2 .... G. Baxter 1
9-4 Winning Look, 7-2 Lutine Belle, 9-2 Spring Barley, 5-1 Alpine Nieco, 10-1 Levante, 14-1 Blickling, 16-1 others.

4.30 CHERTSEY LOCK STAKES (2-y-o: £579: 7f)
1 0 Aerelko (F. Sasse), D. Sasse, 8-11 .... C. Williams 2
2 Aerial Bank (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 8-11 .... F. Durr 4
4 2 Blue Brigand (A. Demboniotis), P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 9
5 Guido Fawkes (C. St George), B. Hills, 8-11 .... R. Street 1
6 1 Kafue Park (J. Mullion), H. Price, 8-11 .... A. Murray 6
7 Light the Fire (H. Gregory), J. Bethell, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 8
8 Loire Valley (Mrs C. Lakin), E. Goddard, 8-11 .. T. Cain 3 3
13 1 Two Together (S. Flashman), I. Walker, 8-11 B. Raymond 5
16 Zante (Capt M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-11 ...... G. Baxter 7
11-8 Blue Brigand, 5-2 Kafue Park, 7-1 Two Together, 8-1 Guido Fawkes, 10-1 Aerial Bank, 12-1 Zante, 14-1 others.

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[*Television (IBA)*: 1.45, 2.15 *and* 2.45 *races*]

1.45 CROWN PLUS TWO HANDICAP (3-y-o: £988: 2m)
3 031112 French Princess (CD) (Mrs Ross), B. van Cutsem, 9-3 A. Bond 1
4 0-01001 Mistress Clare (D) (Mrs McDougald), I. Balding, 9-2 G. Guest 5 8
7 041113 Orchy (D) (H. Willis), P. Walwyn, 8-9 .... G. Spiller 7 4
8 000411 Prima Bella (D) (S. Weal), P. Walwyn, 8-8 K. Nickson 7 5
9 4-40410 Albonica (D) (Miss Sebag-Montefiore), B. Hobbs, 8-7 T. Westhead 7 11
12 010032 Premier Cru (Mrs Anderson), P. Cole, 8-5 .. D. Dineley 5 9
13 0-00411 Eternally (D) (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-4 .... J. Bleasdale 5 2
14 004313 Examount (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 8-3 .... P. Young 10
17 010210 Falling Gold (R. Dean), Thomson Jones, 7-11 .. I. Johnson 12
19 3-24024 Water Hyacinth (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), M. Pescott, 7-7 C. Nutter 5 3
20 000-000 Double Whiskey (C. Campbell-Johnston), T. Waugh, 7-7 H. Ballantine 7
21 0000-00 Tudor Court (J. McCarron), J. Edmunds, 7-7 .... I. Ernes 6
22 100040 Enryco Mieo (H. Zeisel), K. Payne, 7-7 .... S. Eccles 3 14
23 404001 Star Pupil (D) (A. Ross), G. Smyth, 7-7 .... L. Jenkinson 13
11-4 French Princess, 3-1 Prima Bella, 4-1 Eternally, 6-1 Orchy, 8-1 Mistress Clare, 12-1 Albonica, Star Pupil, 14-1 Examount, 16-1 others.

2.15 BOLEBEC HANDICAP (2-y-o fillies: £1,263: 5f)
4 1 Rippling (D) (Mrs Wigan), M. Stoute, 9-9 .... E. Eldin 6
8 331101 Trample (D) (R. Morley), F. Maxwell, 8-10 .... I. Johnson 5 1
11 0013 Cortown Lady (D) (J. Brown), W. Wharton, 7-7 W. Wharton 7 7
13 420 Little Friend (Mrs Raphael), J. Hindley, 7-6 .. N. Crowther 7 2
14 1030 Honey Thief (D) (J. Turner), G. Hunter, 7-3 .... D. Noble 5
17 041323 Fancy Streak (D) (T. Taylor), J. Hardy, 7-2 .. P. Steed 7 3
18 200 Goring Gap (R. Smallbone), P. Makin, 7-0 .... D. McKay 4
7-4 Trample, 5-2 Rippling, 9-2 Cortown Lady, 8-1 Honey Thief, Fancy Streak, 13-1 Little Friend, Goring Gap.

2.45 ARTHUR CARR CUP (Handicap: £917: 1m 5f)
3 110340 Paper Chase (C) (T. Hamond), G. P-Hobbyn, 4-9-7 P. Waldron 2
4 10-0011 Major Concession (R. Cowell), M. Stoute, 4-9-5 E. Eldin 7
5 304032 Whispering Grace (CD) (S. Green), N. Crump, 12-9-2 J. Reid 5 6
6 112103 Court Circus (C) (R. Muddle), B. Hanbury, 5-9-1 R. Muddle 7 1
9 0-01240 Vansa (Mrs Jones), Thomson Jones, 3-8-9 .... A. Bond 9
11 21102 Dariel (A. Clore), B. Hills, 3-8-6 .... W. Carson 4
13 100133 Busted Fiddle (H. Zeisel), H. Price, 3-8-4 .. M. Germon 5
16 132403 Invergayle (J. Allbritton), J. Hindley, 3-8-0 A. Kimberley 8
19 110030 Charles Martel (Sir P. Oppenheimer), H. Wragg, 3-7-12 G. Gosney 7 3
3-1 Paper Chase, 4-1 Major Concession, 5-1 Busted Fiddle, 13-2 Dariel, 8-1 Invergayle, 10-1 Vansa, 12-1 others.

3.15 JACKPOT STAKES (Div 1: 2-y-o: £417: 6f)
3 023040 Foxwood Boy (P. Chalmers), A. Jarvis, 9-0 .... G. Sexton 5
4 0000 Frinton Lodge (D. Burroughs), R. Akehurst, 9-0 J. Curant 12
7 Limestone Rex (Mrs Roberts), A. Dunt, 9-0 .. P. Madden 2
9 022224 Over Twenty One (Mrs Lyon), P. Haslam, 9-0 .... J. Reid 5 11
11 004403 Pewter Spear (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 9-0 ...... A. Cousins 6
14 000 Royal's Green (C. Kirchin), G. Hunter, 9-0 .... W. Carson 9
19 002003 Sweet Saint (Mrs Price), H. Price, 9-0 ...... M. Germon 3
31 000 Blueberry Blue (F. Hawker), C. Dingwall, 8-11 .. R. Still 8
33 00302 Indian Mistress (Mrs Watson), M. McCourt, 8-11 I. Johnson 5 13
35 30000 Lady Shelley (L. Lester), P. Ashworth, 8-11 .. A. Bond 4
39 0 Our Emilie (L. Jaros), T. Gillam, 8-11 ...... M. Birch 14
41 22 Prince Lambourn (A. Clegg), P. Cole, 8-11 R. Edmondson 1
49 300 Tamie Scot (W. O'Callaghan), R. Collingridge, 8-11 N. Crowther 7 2
52 003400 Still Windy (C. Perks), R. Hollinshead, 8-7 .... T. Ives 10
7-2 Prince Lambourn, 4-1 Indian Mistress, 11-2 Sweet Saint, 6-1 Foxwood Boy, 7-1 Over Twenty One, 10-1 Pewter Spear, Still Windy, 14-1 others.

3.45 JAN EKELS HANDICAP (£505: 5f)
5 0-04404 On The Turn (D) (P. White), B. Lunness, 4-9-3 E. Eldin 8
7 112012 Will's Star (D) (L. Barratt), Barratt, 7-9-2 .... G. Sexton 3
8 202002 Idle Dice (D) (M. Taylor), K. Payne, 3-9-2 .. A. Cousins 4
14 023124 Glen Clunie (D) (N. Henderson), Thomson Jones, 3-8-11 A. Bond 7
17 043241 Iron Grill (D) (J. Gibbs), J. Hardy, 3-8-9 .... C. Moss 3
20 000102 Sicasanta (D) (Sir D. Vestey), P. Candell, 3-8-6 R. Middleton 5 6
23 300013 What A Picture (D) (W. Patterson), P. Makin, 3-8-4 W. Carson 6
25 021303 Haberdasher (CD) (Sir B. Waley-Cohen), G. P-Hobbyn, 3-8-1 P. Waldron 1
3-1 Will's Star, 9-2 Sicasanta, 6-1 What A Picture, 13-2 Haberdasher, 7-1 Idle Dice, 8-1 Iron Grill, Glen Clunie, 12-1 On The Turn, 16-1 others.

4.15 "D-I-Y" STAKES (Div 1: Maidens: £467: 1m 50 yd)
4 Bald Eyas (A. Grogan), A. Jarvis, 9-0 .... G. Sexton 10
5 0 Beau Jamie (Mrs Hardy), J. Hardy, 9-0 .... C. Moss 1
7 0 Brookender (H. Strangward), R. Jarvis, 9-0 .... E. Eldin 16
13 Forty Thieves (Mrs Barry), E. Collingwood, 9-0 P. Hamblett 7 12
16 0 Haveacrack (Mrs Shedden), B. Hobbs, 9-0 .... J. Wilson 13
17 00 Hero Baby (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 .... N. Crowther 7 11
20 0 Loincloth (Capt Clark), H. Candy, 9-0 ...... P. Waldron 9
21 00 Lucky Devil (Mrs van der Ploeg), H. Price, 9-0 M. Germon 4
23 000 Myddle Tikki (J. Burroughs), E. Morgan, 9-0 .. D. Nicholls 5 7
25 00 Owen Glyndwr (H. Hanmer), H. Rohan, 9-0 .... B. Henry 3
32 00000 Sabarak (I. Anderson), A. Jones, 9-0 .... A. Bond 8
35 33 Swift Heron (G. Beccle), C. Brittain, 9-0 .... W. Carson 6
43 0 Balsa (R. James), T. Molony, 8-11 .... R. Still 2
50 000000 Ickworth Lady (T. Orton), A. Goodwill, 8-11 ...... — 15
52 00 Kilcarne Park (Mrs Carolan), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 M. Birch 14
59 0000 Tidal Dance (Mrs Smalley), E. Reavey, 8-11 .. A. Kimberley 5
9-4 Swift Heron, 3-1 Haveacrack, 9-2 Loincloth, 6-1 Lucky Devil, 8-1 Balsa, 12-1 Kilcarne Park, 14-1 others.

4.45 PAMPERED MISS STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £531: 1¼m)
2 0-000 Coloratura (Mrs FitzRoy-Yates), G. P.-Hobbyn, 8-11 P. Waldron 1
3 022000 Come North (Lady Weir), R. Mason, 8-11 .... — 4
5 0034 Doreen's Bid (H. Clowlow), L. Barratt, 8-11 .... A. Bond 6
6 00000 Heyford (A. Budgett), Budgett, 8-11 ...... J. Reid 5 9
16 0-004 Night Air (A. Speelman), B. Hills, 8-11 .... W. Carson 3
18 300430 Perfumed Lady (Miss Rigden), J. Bethell, 8-11 A. Launchbury 2
20 00-3003 Piccadilly Rose (Mrs Smith), L. Shedden, 8-11 .. M. Birch 7
23 040030 Rope Dancer (R. Sangster), E. Cousins, 8-11 ...... — 6
25 030300 Salsafy (J. Hambro), B. Hobbs, 8-11 .... G. Sexton 8
26 020343 Some Dame (M. Sandberg), R. Jarvis, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 10
27 000040 Willow Warbler (J. Creswell), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 T. Ives 11
11-4 Some Dame, 7-2 Night Air, 4-1 Salsafy, 11-2 Rope Dancer, 8-1 Perfumed Lady, 12-1 Come North, Heyford, 20-1 others.

5.15 JACKPOT STAKES (Div 2: 2-y-o: £417: 6f)
5 0000 Hor Beyone (A. Ezzeddine), R. Hannon, 9-0 .... J. Curant 14
12 042 Pool Money (J. Hardy), Hardy, 9-0 .... C. Moss 13
16 223000 Sierra Verde (K. Sykes), Mrs Lomax, 9-0 R. Middleton 5 10
20 000 Tussock (B. van Cutsem), van Cutsem, 9-0 .. W. Carson 9
31 004 Hallah (T. Grandin), A. Jarvis, 8-11 .... G. Sexton 2
32 Homely Lass (M. Davies), J. Edwards, 8-11 .... P. Waldron 7
34 0 Karlou (Mrs Carman), J. Edwards, 8-11 .... — 1
37 000 Miss Geraldine (M. Reay), P. Haslam, 8-11 .. P. Codpell 7 8
38 000 Miss Hawkhurst (T. Tang), S. Supple, 8-11 .... A. Bond 12
40 000 Precious Marina (D. Williams), T. Corrie, 8-11 D. Ryan 5
43 003 Royal Boff (E. Cooper-Key), P. Cole, 8-11 R. Edmondson 6
46 00 Silver Machine (G. Mullins), K. Payne, 8-11 .. S. Eccles 7 3
50 00000 Tudors Runabout (C. John), R. Wilson, 8-11 .. T. Rogers 4
55 40030 Maid To Order (D. Davis), R. Houghton, 8-11 .. E. Eldin 11
3-2 Pool Money, 3-1 Maid To Order, 4-1 Sierra Verde, 11-2 Royal Boff, 7-1 Hallah, 12-1 others.

5.45 "D-I-Y" STAKES (Div 2: Maidens: £467: 1m 50yd)
6 40 Black Ray (R. Richards), C. Brittain, 9-0 .... P. Madden 12
8 00 C Minor (Mrs Carvalho), A. Goodwill, 9-0 ...... R. Oxland 14
11 00 Eracum (L. Wiltshire), S. Hall, 9-0 .... M. Birch 6
15 00 Friday's Meadow (Mrs Summers), H. Williams, 9-0 R. Curant 1
18 p Indus Warrior (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 A. Kimberley 15
23 000 My Boy To (G. Mavrommatis), P. Cole, 9-0 .. R. Edmondson 6
34 40 Orange Gin (M. Bonsor), T. Corbett, 9-0 .... L. Wargen 2
36 000 Pass the Port (Mrs Bowman-Vaughan), B. Hobbs, 9-0 G. Sexton 4
38 0 Peri Bou (J. Sahagun), B. van Cutsem, 9-0 .... W. Carson 3
39 04 Widney Wonder (G. Newland), G. Hunter, 9-0 ...... — 7
41 00 August (Exors of the late R. Watson), H. Candy, 8-11 P. Waldron 10
43 0 Du Tonnerre (D. Wood), P. Haslam, 8-11 .... I. Johnson 5 11
55 0 Palace Royal (Duchess of Devonshire), J. Astor, 8-11 E. Eldin 8
57 Ruby Moss (L. Benison), J. Hardy, 8-11 .... C. Moss 16
58 Shirlia (Mrs Craggs), W. Wharton, 8-11 .... — 3
60 00 Wayward Niece (D. Adams), J. W. Watts, 8-11 .... T. Ives 13
7-4 Palace Royal, 11-4 Port Bou, 5-1 Black Ray, 7-1 Orange Gin, 10-1 Widney Wonder, 14-1 others.

Nottingham selections

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1.45 Mistress Clare. 2.15 Rippling. 2.45 Invergayle. 3.15 Prince Lambourn. 3.45 Will's Star. 4.15 Swift Heron. 4.45 Some Dame. 5.15 Pool Money. 5.45 Port Bou.

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1.45 Falling Gold. 2.15 Little Friend. 2.45 Major Concession. 3.45 Glen Clunie. 4.15 Haveacrack. 4.45 Some Dame.

Thirsk programme

2.15 FALCON CLAIMING STAKES (2-y-o: £596: 7f)
1 1400 Durham Lad (J. Hirst), D. Williams, 8-11 .. C. Eccleston 13
2 313030 Fast Music (J. Hardy), Hardy, 8-11 ...... L. Charnock 3 17
4 001002 Cotillion (O. Benn), J. Powney, 8-8 .... M. Kettle 9
5 000210 Hilliana (S. Head), M. W. Easterby, 8-8 .... — 5
6 00013 Barnaby Beck (Mrs P. Ross), J. W. Watts, 8-7 .. L. G. Brown 18
7 40144 Chanda (W. Best), J. Vickers, 8-7 .... J. Seagrave 6
8 0040 British Lion (C. Morgan), I. Balding, 8-6 J. Matthias 3
12 000 Jonhud (K. Gillie), G. Toft, 8-6 .... B. Connorton 10
15 0300 Live Spark (L. Taboas), K. Payne, 8-6 .... W. Bentley 14
18 00 Spoofer (G. Blum), Blum, 8-6 .... T. McKeown 11
25 0024 Cool Shula (R. Humphreys), C. Crossley, 8-3 J. Higgins 15
26 0000 Crag Top (A. Widdas), M. Naughton, 8-3 .... A. Barclay 3
28 000000 Gaya Slipper (S. Howarth), T. Fairhurst, 8-3 S. Webster 5 16
30 30 Thames (Mrs R. Stanley), J. W. Watts, 8-3 .... E. Hide 8
32 0 Cidello (W. Cooper), S. Norton, 8-3 ...... M. Wood 7 22
34 000 The Haunted Major (C. Longmore), M. Prescott, 8-3 G. Duffield 1
35 00 *Just Dominic (Mrs N. Nuttall), H. Rohan, 8-2 .... — 7
37 02004 The Schemer (BF) (R. Dods), H. Blackshaw, 8-2 C. Dwyer 19
38 0004 Tommys Own (T. Holcroft), S. Nesbitt, 8-2 .... B. Jago 4
40 0 Yellow Fire (D. Thompson), H. Rohan, 8-2 .. T. O'Ryan 5 21
41 00 Betsy May (Mrs A. Carr), S. Hall, 7-13 .... E. Apter 12
46 0 My Merry Maid (J. Burton), S. Hall, 7-13 .... E. Johnson 20
3-1 Thames, 4-1 Cotillion, 9-2 Hilliana, 6-1 Fast Music, 8-1 Barnaby Beck, 10-1 Chanda, 13-1 British Lion, 14-1 The Schemer, Durham Lad, 20-1 others.

2.45 HIGHFLYER STAKES (2-yo: £619: 5f)
2 00411 Crusty Shah (D) (P. Cameron), N. Angus, 9-9 B. Connorton 4
7 112211 Nagwa (D) (K. Sasi), B. Hills, 9-6 ...... R. Cochrane 7 1
8 111131 Short Reign (D) (G. Blum), Blum, 9-6 ...... G. Duffield 5
12 14 Panorealm (R. Clifford-Turner), M. Stoute, 8-11 .. E. Hide 2
15 002 Moon Blink (C. Marsted), E. Weymes, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 3
5-4 Nagwa, 7-4 Short Reign, 9-2 Crusty Shah, 8-1 Panorealm, 20-1 Moon Blink.

3.15 JACKSON HAMBLETON (Handicap: £2,032: 2m)
1 000120 Abide With Me (D) (Y. Yamamoto), M. Stoute, 4-9-7 E. Hide 6
4 211030 Netherkelly (J. Bigg), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-1 K. Lewis 5 9
5 20-2104 Asset (J. McGhie), G. Richards, 4-8-9 ...... G. Duffield 8
7 232204 Seven the Quadrant (J. Kendrick), B. Price, 5-8-7 D. Gillespie 5 5
8 020311 Red Reef (CD) (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 7-8-7 J. Matthias 3 7
9 41300-0 Hardy Turk (A. McCaffry), S. Hall, 4-8-6 .... E. Apter 1
10 10-4203 Man Alive (D) (H. Patchett), W. Hall, 4-8-6 E. Johnson 3
11 320021 Glimmer of Hope (T. Bielson), T. Waugh, 4-8-6 B. Jago 1
12 001023 Mark Henry (CD) (Lord Allendale), W. Elsey, 4-8-4 S. Salmon 3 2
5-2 Red Reef, 4-1 Abide with Me, 11-2 Asset, Netherkelly, 7-1 Seven the Quadrant, 8-1 Man Alive, 10-1 Glimmer of Hope, 16-1 others.

3.45 SAXTY WAY STAKES (3-y-o: £438: 1m)
1 30-1 Andrew (Mrs J. McDougald), I. Balding, 9-1 J. Matthias 3 11
2 000201 French Harmony (D) (J. Pearce), Doug Smith, 9-1 T. McKeown 7
6 0-021 Academic World (D) (D. Van Clief), P. Walwyn, 8-12 F. Morby 6
7 2-00210 Another Princess (D) (Mrs M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-12 E. Hide 10
9 03-0001 Song's First (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 8-12 .. A. Crook 7 5
11 00 Lord Con (P. Allison), G. Stephenson, 8-10 G. Duffield 4
13 020003 Rustic River (G. Wrigley), E. Carr, 8-10 .. P. Harman 7 8
31 0-00200 Confident Girl (H. Brown), E. Collingwood, 8-7 B. Connorton 9
33 0 Ensign Steel (M. Lythell), S. Wainwright, 8-7 .. J. Seagrave 1
35 3-0400 Just Amy (Mrs L. Brotherton), L. Shedden, 8-7 M. Bray 7 3
38 000 Sugar Shortage (N. Green), Denys Smith, 8-7 A. Barclay 2
2-1 Andrew, 7-2 French Harmony, 4-1 Academic World, 11-2 Rustic River, 8-1 Another Princess, 10-1 Song's First, 20-1 others.

4.15 PHOENIX NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £728: 1m)
1 431121 Evedor (M. Callaghan jun), E. Carr, 9-5 .. B. Connorton 2
4 4102 Divine Night (Mrs R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-9 .... E. Hide 12
6 00303 Skimmer (Sir T. Pilkington), B. Hobbs, 8-5 ...... B. Jago 13
8 130 Black Phyllis (E. Lambton), J. Calvert, 8-5 .... A. Barclay 4
11 220112 Gold Cheb (T. Wilson), M. W. Easterby, 8-2 .. L. G. Brown 1
13 3010 Short Term (J. Hardy), Hardy, 7-12 .... M. Kettle 6
16 034 Abrovian (A. Greenwood), W. Elsey, 7-12 .. S. Salmon 3 11
19 404121 Ribble Rouser (W. Watts), Watts, 7-10 .... K. Lewis 5 9
20 00312 *Sise Jet (J. Taylor), E. Carr, 7-9 .... — 5
21 20030 Tamalone (T. Metcalfe), M. H. Easterby, 7-8 C. Eccleston 3
26 00401 Tommys Hope (W. Thornton), S. Hall, 7-8 E. Johnson 10
27 00144 Quarantine (T. Robson), Denys Smith, 7-6 L. Charnock 8
30 31 Pinacle (J. Vickers), Vickers, 7-1 .... S. Webster 5 7
5-1 Ribble Rouser, 4-1 Evedor, 9-2 Gold Cheb, 6-1 Divine Night, 7-1 Tommys Hope, 10-1 Skimmer, 16-1 Pinacle, 20-1 others.

4.45 LEYSTHORPE HANDICAP (£693: 6f)
1 000200 Cave Warrior (CD) (R. Milner), G. Toft, 4-10-0 T. O'Ryan 5 9
4 030100 Chantro (D) (W. Cockburn), J. W. Watts, 5-9-10 E. Hide 5
8 33-0000 Great Charter (D) (Mrs E. Culley), R. Jarvis, 7-8-13 B. Connorton 6
9 30-2131 Vidkun (S. Jackson), Denys Smith, 5-8-12 L. Charnock 5 3
11 2-00000 Saturday Night (Dr T. Molony), W. Wharton, 3-8-10 T. McKeown 1
18 211420 Witches Broom (D) (J. Gibbs), J. Hardy, 5-8-4 M. Kettle 7
21 000431 Bala Girl (D) (G. Morley), B. Lunness, 3-8-2 .... B. Jago 11
23 040133 Kelso Belle (E. Weymes), Weymes, 5-7-13 S. Webster 5 4
24 423024 Queensway (CD) (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 4-7-13 C. Eccleston 10
26 000000 Sillins Pride (D) (F. Allison), G. Stephenson, 5-7-12 .. — 2
28 300200 Red Dawn (D) (Mrs V. Rankin), C. Crossley, 5-7-9 K. Lewis 5 8
11-4 Vidkun, 7-2 Chantro, 5-1 Cave Warrior, 8-1 Queensway, Bala Girl, Witches Broom, 12-1 Kelso Belle, Great Charter, 16-1 others.

*Doubtful runner.

Thirsk selections

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2.15 Thames. 2.45 Short Reign. 3.15 RED REEF is specially recommended. 3.45 Andrew. 4.15 Tommy's Hope. 4.45 Great Charter.

Lanark programme

2.0 TRABROUN STAKES (£402: 7f)
3 004221 Kintore (D) (D. Butters), J. W. Watts, 3-9-2 G. Cadwaladr 7
4 002913 Nevertire (J. Hansom), S. Hall, 3-9-2 .... O. Gray 2
6 C00d01 Sea Tiger (D) (Mrs Yong), W. O'Gorman, 3-9-2 W. O'Gorman 1
8 040040- Invoke (P. Brewis), C. Bell, 4-8-12 .... G. Oldroyd 6
9 020040 Mnro Music (D. Gubbins), D. Weeden, 4-8-12 .... — 5
11 304002 Charta Pearl (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-10 .. J. Lynch 3
18 C30424 Coaster (J. Brown), N. Angus, 3-8-7 .. Richard Hutchinson 2
21 0-00300 Westbourne (F. Wiles), Wiles, 3-8-7 .... J. Skilling 8
2-1 Kintore, 5-2 Charta Pearl, 4-1 Coaster, 5-1 Nevertire, 7-1 Sea Tiger, 12-1 others.

2.30 MAULDSLIE STAKES (3-y-o: £400: 1m)
2 400-000 Frankly Speaking (D. Proctor), A. Stevens, 8-10 .. S. Perks 2
6 041001 Kaymay (W. Taylor), G. Wallace, 8-7 .... G. Cadwaladr 1
9 300123 Rose Petite (D) (R. Bullen), K. Whitehead, 8-7 J. Skilling 4
12 003C0-0 Homburg (Mrs Gold), K. Payne, 8-5 .... S. Heslin 3
13 322312 Swiftly (W. Blenkinsop), D. Williams, 8-5 .... G. Oldroyd 6
14 000003 Aline Margaret (G. Crabble), T. Craig, 8-0 .... N. McIntosh 8
15 00 Regal Honour (R. Dent), J. Bradley, 8-0 ...... O. Gray 5
9-4 Swiftly, 7-2 Kaymay, Rose Petite, 5-1 Frankly Speaking, 10-1 Aline Margaret, Homburg, 14-1 Regal Honour.

3.0 SILVER BELL HANDICAP (£1,052: 1¼m)
6 122024 Davett (D) (Mrs Craig), T. Craig, 6-8-9 .... N. McIntosh 1
9 014114 Murton Crags (CD) (W. Ashcroft), W. Haigh, 6-8-3 O. Gray 2
10 012404 Ezra (D) (J. Winter), T. Fairhurst, 4-8-7 ...... A. Horrocks 3
11 021121 Black Fire (D) (A. Leggatt), J. Fitzgerald, 4-8-5 G. Oldroyd 6
13 204000 Kingsberry (D) (C. Brown), C. Bell, 5-8-3 .... P. Kelleher 9
14 002001 Iver (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 3-8-2 .... S. Perks 8
17 010411 Our Sue (D) (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 3-8-1 .. J. Lynch 4
19 312233 Halsall (C) (Mrs Barrett), T. Craig, 3-7-9 .... K. Leason 5
20 320002 John McNab (Miss Hilton), N. Angus, 3-7-7 .. G. McBride 7 7
100-30 Our Sue, 4-1 Murton Crags, 5-1 Halsall, 6-1 Black Fire, John McNab, 10-1 Davett, Iver, 14-1 Ezra, 20-1 Kingsberry.

3.30 LADY RIDERS HANDICAP (£411: 5f)
1 214110 Flyer (D) (A. Rodgers), C. Bell, 5-11-0 .... Miss M. Bell 11
3 330-010 Golden Victory (D) (Mrs Payne), K. Payne, 3-10-2 Miss M. Norman 12
5 023024 Vilgora (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 5-10-2 Mrs C. Stevens 2
6 003-000 Humble Portion (R. Mason), Mason, 5-9-11 .. Miss A. Gilbert 6
9 0003-0 Brawby Lad (A. Bullen), D. Weeden, 4-9-10 Miss D. Weeden 7
11 000310 Only Child (Mrs Carson), Denys Smith, 3-9-4 Miss J. Hanvell 8
12 000-003 Milesian Prince (R. Dent), J. Bradley, 4-9-0 Mrs E. Mellor 3
15 0000-00 Carnival Prince (D) (Mrs Stephenson), D. Williams, 4-8-8 Miss B. Oliver 5
17 000003 Another Morley (L. Sloan), D. Yeoman, 3-8-7 Mrs M. Yeoman 1
18 000000- Royal Cinders (Mrs Hall), G. Wallace, 5-8-7 Mrs M. MacTaggart 5 4
21 000300 Jack's Hope (B. McGreevy), G. Wallace, 9-8-7 Miss L. Meadows 10
22 00-0000 Y-Viva-Espana (Mrs Day), A. Browster, 5-8-7 Mrs E. Wills 3 9
5-2 Only Child, 4-1 Vilgora, 11-2 Brawby Lad, 7-1 Flyer, Golden Victory, 9-1 Humble Portion, 14-1 Another Morley, Milesian Prince, 16-1 others.

4.0 DRAGOON GUARDS CUP (Handicap: £521: 5f)
1 422211 Craigellachie (CD) (Mrs Richardson), K. Whitehead, 5-10-8 — 3
3 002001 Kashville (D) (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 3-9-11 M. Simmonite 7 10
6 403200 Relative Ease (CD) (J. Mansford), T. Fairhurst, 4-9-4 A. Horrocks 14
7 0-00000 Queens Message (D) (J. Walker), I. Jordon, 3-9-3 O. Gray 13
9 000132 Ballpot (E. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 5-9-3 ...... J. Lynch 5
11 000020 Dizy Dave (D) (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 4-8-13 M. Nuttall 7 6
13 040001 Bright Bird (D) (Mrs O'Gorman), W. O'Gorman, 3-8-12 W. O'Gorman 7
15 0013-00 Gasters Folly (D) (G. Thornton), P. Metcalfe, 5-8-12 G. Oldroyd 1
14 210000 Offa's Mead (D) (J. Bradley), Bradley, 6-8-11 .. S. Perks 15
16 0-00000 Hawkse (D) (Dowager Lady Bulier), N. Angus, 3-8-8 D. Little 7 5
17 030133 Carnival Sovereign (D) (Mrs Shaw), E. Weymes, 5-8-6 G. Cadwaladr 11
23 000222 Bower Club (D) (A. Balding), Balding, 5-7-11 J. B. Moore 7 9
24 000400 Gold Pension (CD) (J. Rankine), N. Angus, 5-7-11 Richard Hutchinson 2
27 0000p0 Auchentibber (R. Barrett), L. Docker, 11-7-7 N. McIntosh 4
11-4 Craigellachie, 7-2 Ballpot, 5-1 Kashville, 6-1 Bright Bird, 10-1 Bower Club, Dizy Dave, Carnival Sovereign, 13-1 Relative Ease, 14-1 others.

4.30 JERVISWOOD HANDICAP (2-y-o: £396: 1m)
3 44120 Star Reform (D. Robinson), M. Jarvis, 9-3 ...... J. Lynch 5
7 01 Queluz (Lady H. de Walden), E. Weymes, 8-10 G. Cadwaladr 1
16 002000 Field Marshall (A. Stevens), Stevens, 8-2 ...... S. Perks 3
21 243330 Daves Equal (K. Chapman), T. Fairhurst, 7-10 .. K. Leason 4
25 003401 Glengoyne (T. Craig), Craig, 7-5 .... N. McIntosh 2
6-4 Star Reform, 9-4 Queluz, 5-1 Glengoyne, 7-1 Field Marshall, 8-1 Daves Equal.

5.0 LAMINGTON STAKES (£411: 1¼m)
1 13-0040 Last Week-End (C. Longbottom), F. Wiles, 6-9-10 .. S. Perks 1
5 0000-00 Ryden Lad (Mrs Clark), L. Docker, 3-7-6 ...... P. Kelleher 2
8 111030 Doonside (D) (E. Luckin), K. Whitehead, 3-9-2 .. J. Skilling 5
11 321163 Walk Around (CD) (Mrs Ascoli), W. Haigh, 3-9-2 .. O. Gray 4
19 2030-3 Hillroi (W. Morton), G. Richards, 5-8-7 ...... G. Cadwaladr 5
11-8 Doonside, 2-1 Walk Around, 9-4 Hillroi, 16-1 Last Week-End, 33-1 Ryden Lad.

Lanark selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Kintore. 2.30 Aline Margaret. 3.0 Black Fire. 3.30 Only Child. 4.0 Carnival Sovereign. 4.30 QUELUZ is specially recommended. 5.0 Hillroi.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Correspondent
1.30 Love Rocket. 2.0 Western Isle. 2.30 The Maltings. 3.0 Apres Demain. 3.30 Turnkey. 4.0 Winning Look. 4.30 BLUE BRIGAND is specially recommended.

Bangor-on-Dee programme

2.15 GREAT ORME HURDLE (Handicap: £272: 2m 92yd)
2 2f200-0 Mon Drake (B. FitzGerald), M. Salaman, 9-11-11 Mr J. Bowles 7
4 p000-00 Silver Serenade (Miss J. Green), W. Clay, 8-11-3 .. N. Clay 5
5 000-020 Quoiteer (D. Bamford), M. Tate, 5-10-13 .... M. Blackshaw
6 0040- Petite Royale (P. Hyde), H. Morris, 4-10-13 ...... P. Morris
8 12000-0 Pandaniel (CD) (Mrs J. Dever), F. Dever, 11-10-11 J. Glover
10 0p000- Machine (Mrs R. Fairclough), H. Morris, 7-10-8 .. R. Darry
11 300004- Alan's Bounty (T. Brookshaw), S. Brookshaw, 5-10-7 K. B. White
12 0 Seminole Chief (F. Howles), F. Yardley, 8-10-6 .... R. Hyett
15 0443-2 Rock Bottom (Mrs R. Bradley), J. Bradley, 13-10-1 M. Williams 7
18 0-04000 Rutland (M. Chapman), Chapman, 4-10-0 .... Mr R. Page 7
100-30 Rock Bottom, 4-1 Quoiteer, 5-1 Pandaniel, 6-1 Mon Drake, 8-1 Alan's Bounty, 10-1 Seminole Chief, 12-1 Petite Royale, 14-1 Rutland, 16-1 others.

2.45 PRESTATYN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE (£456: 2m 4f 81yd)
3 0p01p-1 Saucy Belle (C. Smith), R. E. Peacock, 9-11-13 .. B. Brogan
4 1f34f-2 Ireland's Owen (Mrs R. Horrocks), J. Edwards, 6-11-7 B. R. Davies
5 f304p-1 Roisrian (J. Blake), G. Owen, 6-11-1 .... R. Barry
6 042- African Moth (CD) (R. Darley), B. Cambidge, 11-10-13 B. Fletcher
9 040p20- Evening Witness (Mrs W. Healey), T. Healey, 10-10-3 Mr N. Brooks 7
10 4f0-42f Red Wolf (B. Comber), A. Potts, 10-10-3 .... D. Atkins
5-2 Roisrian, 3-1 Ireland's Owen, 4-1 Saucy Belle, 5-1 Red Wolf, 8-1 African Moth, 12-1 Evening Witness.

3.15 RHYL HURDLE (£340: 2m 92yd)
3 200003- Cloud Park (CD) (F. Longman), M. Tate, 6-11-9 .. H. Evans 5
5 10-0011 Dee Lane (CD) (J. Tomlinson), Tomlinson, 5-11-6 A. Taylor 5
5 0001-00 The Jolly Ringer (CD) (C. Tattersall), A. Potts, 4-10-7 D. Atkins
8 000- Meritorious (Lady F. Hanmer), F. Dever, 5-10-4 .. S. Holland
9 001-011 Marchi (I. Thomas), F. Dever, 9-10-2 .... J. Glover
10 3030-04 Domira (J. Woolley), D. Quartermaine, 6-10-1 R. Mangan 7
9-4 Dee Lane, 3-1 Marchi, 9-2 Cloud Park, 6-1 Domira, 8-1 Meritorious, 10-1 The Jolly Ringer.

3.45 COLWYN BAY NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE (£272: 2m 180yd)
2 p0-3321 Kellater (A. Andrews), T. Yarnold, 6-12-0 ...... Mr G. Jones 5
5 00-0 Cambridge Cuckoo (W. Jenks), Jenks, 8-11-7 .... J. Burke
7 20p0-43 Frigid Frolic (G. Wyse), W. Clay, 8-11-7 .... N. Clay 5
8 224040- Going to Roost (G. Whiteman-Haywood), M. Tate, 7-11-7 —
11 000000- Manor House (C. Owens), J. Edwards, 6-11-7 .... C. Tinkler
15 p-4 Chukka (Capt J. Wilson), D. McCain, 5-11-5 .... M. Blackshaw
16 000f0-0 Soul Music (A. Dewsbury), B. Cambidge, 5-11-3 .... D. Wall 7
17 0p000-p Linarto (F. Coton), Coton, 4-10-7 .... A. Webber
3-1 Going to Roost, 7-2 Kellater, 9-2 Frigid Frolic, 13-2 Chukka, 9-1 Manor House, 12-1 Soul Music, 14-1 Linarto, 20-1 Cambridge Cuckoo.

4.15 LLANDUDNO STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £405: 2m 180yd)
3 p00-111 Kippie Lad (P. Whitton), I. Wardle, 7-12-0 .... K. White
6 0u-2112 Mighty Marine (Mrs P. Lothian), J. Bradley, 6-11-7 M. Williams 7
7 f0003-1 Any Prince (Mrs D. McAlpine), W. D. Francis, 10-10-9 J. Bourke
8 John's Knapp (Mrs W. Loppington), M. Tate, 7-10-0 M. Blackshaw
7-4 Kippie Lad, 15-8 Mighty Marine, 11-4 Any Prince, 8-1 John's Knapp.

4.45 CONWAY NOVICES' HURDLE (3-y-o: £272: 2m 92yd)
2 033 Adamay (Miss C. Dillon), F. Rimell, 10-8 .... K. White
3 32 Best Endeavour (Mrs J. Gough), P. Haslam, 10-8 .. A. Branford
6 Bombali (R. Morris), Morris, 10-8 .... R. Dickin
10 0 Double Seven (T. Milnor), H. Morris, 10-8 .... P. Morris
11 Enery (P. Brook), R. C. Ward, 10-8 .... G. Holmes
13 Gipsy Style (T. Dudley), J. Edwards, 10-8 .... B. R. Davies
15 I'll Be Around (B. Bond), E. Jones, 10-8 .... R. O'Donovan
16 Newton's Cradle (E. Warren), D. Quartermaine, 10-8 Mr S. Bowen 7
17 Oak Lass (C. Woollam), B. Cambidge, 10-8 .... B. Fletcher
18 Otaki (T. Jenks), W. Clay, 10-8 .... N. Clay 5
19 Pink God (J. Dunthorne), A. Potts, 10-8 .... K. Gray 3
20 Piu (J. Woolley), D. Quartermaine, 10-8 .... R. Mangan 7
11-4 Adamay, 3-1 Best Endeavour, 5-1 Gipsy Style, 6-1 I'll Be Around, 8-1 Oak Lass, 10-1 Piu, 14-1 others.

Bangor selections

2.15 Pandaniel. 2.45 Roisrian. 3.15 Dee Lane. 3.45 Going to Roost. 4.15 Kippie Lad. 4.35 Adamay.



Babylon, from the Nuremburg Chronicle of 1480, the oldest wood-cut in the library.

Everything fit to print

If you want a picture of the Marie Celeste, or of some celebrated British and European ghosts, or even of the haircuts of soldiers in the Crimea—who cropped their hair because of lice and started the vogue for short back and sides—the place to find them is in the Mary Evans Picture Library at Blackheath.

These are among the recent requests received by the library, which was started by Mrs Mary Evans 12 years ago in a tiny Span house, where books overflowed into the lavatory and were stacked in wardrobes. It continued life in a damp-walled basement when she and her husband moved to a larger house.

On Tuesday the library has its official opening to the public in a graceful building reconstructed by the Blackheath Preservation Trust on the site of the old Blackheath Literary Institution. The first floor interior is modelled on an old London print shop, the Ackermann's Repository, and is possibly the first custom-built picture library in the country.

It has a stock of between one and two million prints, pictures and engravings, many from the Victorian era, which was the period of the education explosion as well as of the cheap, illustrated paper, but it also has a considerable amount of material from the sixteenth century. The earliest picture dates from 1484.

Illustrations on every subject, from highwaymen to high fashion, are catalogued for easy reference, either in filing cabinets, or in old books such as Diderot's encyclopaedia, which was the earliest encyclopaedia and dates from 1760.

The encyclopaedia set was found in an old house in America and the owner had to be persuaded of its value. But the Evanses' bank manager only agreed to lend the £800 needed to buy it after first popping across the road to see a similar set of the Diderot, priced at £4,200 in the shop window of an antiquarian bookseller.

The setting for the books, with its wax fruit under glass and attendant Victoriana, conjures up a mental picture of the owner as white haired, ample bosomed and swathed with pearls. But Mary Evans, aged 39, slender and energetic scarcely conforms to this.

Her work, which is also her compulsive hobby, began as a by-product of her interest in old books, particularly rare Victorian children's books, which evoke the atmosphere and social mores of the period, as well as the Victorian obsession with death and punishment.

Mary and her husband, Hilary, found their first prints by "rooting in bookshops, rescuing the prints and throwing out the dirty remains of the damaged books". When the books are in good condition, however, they are preserved intact.

The couple hunt for books in most of the cities of Europe, "travelling by car and ruining the suspension" as they pile in their finds. They exhibited last year at the Frankfurt Book Fair and will do so again this year to bring their existence to the attention of people in countries such as Holland and Sweden, which have no picture libraries of their own.

Mr Hilary Evans, previously a novelist and advertisement copywriter, has now joined his wife in working full time for the library, with four more staff to deal with requests for pictures from educational publishers, television producers, film companies and authors.

"BBC Television is our biggest client," Mary says. "Our material is used for reproduction, particularly for documentary programmes such as *The British Empire* series and Yorkshire Television's *Struggle for Israel*. We have also sent a lot of pictures to the United States where they are making an American version of *Upstairs, Downstairs*."

Originals of the pictures are never sold, although clients can take away the originals to copy for themselves, can have photostats done, or very superior copies made by a specialist copying machine. A charge is made, not for the copyright, but for the use of the picture and the convenience of having it sent within 24 hours. Sometimes the need is more immediate, such as when a picture is needed within the hour for a television broadcast. "Then we have some terrific flaps. The television company sends a taxi which throbs outside while we hunt out the pictures."

The Evans' pictures of costumes, street scenes and London houses were used to provide social background for the BBC television series, *The Pallisers*, and by producer Joseph Losey for his films *Cinderella*, *The Go Between* and *A Doll's House*. They also have other uses—for wall charts, reproduction on mugs and record sleeves, or blown up for pubs and hotel foyers.

There are two other picture libraries in Britain—the Radio TV Hulton Library and the Mansell Collection, in Nottingham. But the Evanses feel they can become "the most forward looking library in the country". To this end, they have made the library a comfortable place with enough space for picture researchers to browse.

The aim of the library is to provide "visual documentation of the past, not simply the 'history book' past, but also the social and economic background".

Hilary Evans, who does the cataloguing, has worked out that it would cost the British Museum £100,000 and 20 years to instal a subject index like his. "That is why they are no competition to us", he says grandly.

Diana Patt

The urgent challenge to our comfortable society that politicians must tackle

> "Demand for knowledge is as much a part of man's nature as the spirit of aggression. Both need direction and purpose"

In commenting on Sir Bernard Lovell's outstanding Address to the British Association, *The Times* Science Editor said: "The voice of the moral philosopher is seldom heard in the halls of science". He might in equal justice have commented that it is seldom heard in the Corridors of Power, or the Conference Halls of Politics. Yet his message is just as important there.

Sir Bernard's message was that there is an almost non-existent dividing line between those activities of science that may lead either to the greatest human disaster since the Shen-shu earthquake of 1556, or make a profound intellectual advance in the development of civilization. Can society develop the ethical basis and the moral purpose necessary to ensure that in future man can overcome the forces leading to decay and destruction?

Looking at the scientific developments of recent years, Sir Bernard said that in a cosmically insignificant time span we had been brought to the centre of immensities. This message is every bit as important for the politician as it is for the scientist.

I suggested in a lecture in 1969 that "knowledge is moving ahead far faster than we have yet brought ourselves to understand, and what is more, the pace of this advance is still accelerating year by year. In the next 20 years or so, men may learn more about themselves and their environment than they have learnt in all the history of recorded time. Scientific progress, recent, in prospect in the near future, will produce a total change in man's economic, social and moral environment. The danger is that there will not be a similar change in his political capacity. Yet this may be decisive as to whether the course of change will be for good or for evil." Each year that has passed, has increased my conviction on this score.

Let us consider some of the examples. It may be that those that come from the physical sciences are, in essence, though more spectacular, less dramatic than those we can draw from the sciences of human behaviour.

The development of the atomic bomb has obviously made a fundamental change to all our thinking about relations between countries. For the first time in history the possibility of the total destruction of mankind is with us, and thereby the art of defence has been changed from one of repulsing the enemy to one of ensuring that he recognizes that any attack could carry with it his own self destruction.

Yet under the nuclear terror which locks the great powers into a search for peace, we see two new developments. First, there is the proliferation of atomic knowledge, and the certainty that as the minor terrorist can produce a gelignite weapon, so many minor powers will be able, in a given time, to produce nuclear weapons. Second, there is the spread, like a brush fire, of internal violence and terrorism, to which the aggressive instinct of mankind has been turned in the absence of international conflict.

Then there are the economic developments. How far have politicians yet begun to think, in this case, also, of the significance for human organization of the developments which science is producing at an accelerating pace? The discovery of new sources of protein from materials in an abundance of supply. The ability to control the weather, and the arguments that, like the arguments about transferring pollution, will develop about transferring rainfall between the nations.

These are practical examples. Within our own society in the western democracies, have we really begun to study and lay down plans for the problems of peace and leisure? For relative ease and comfort carry with them their disadvantages too, when it comes to the adventure of governing men.

Yet it may well be that the most startling developments we shall see will be in the intellectual and moral sphere. In the lifetime of many of us here, I have little doubt that we shall see great discoveries by science directly related to the acquisition of knowledge, the formation of political and social judgments, and the definition of morality itself.

To give some practical examples: Is it not likely that before long methods will be devised of, as it were, directly implanting in the human brain by hypnotic or other means merely factual information? When this happens, and when it becomes possible to acquire and store in the memory such things as the multiplication tables, the facts of history, chemical formulae, even languages, then the change in education will be profound.

A great part of the years spent at school are spent in this simple mechanical process, of acquiring and storing factual information. Once this can be done by more direct and painless methods, there will be an immense release of intellectual energy seeking education not in facts but in values.

We have seen already a substantial development in the application of scientific method to the shaping of political values in the minds of individuals, brainwashing, as it can generally be described. But the tools available to the brainwasher, physical and psychological, are surely going to be developed and refined at an ever increasing rate in the next few decades ahead.

The consequences of this for political organization, and for the relationship between government and governed is profound. Yet so far as I know, very little serious thought has been given among politicians about how we should be able to cope with the consequences that flow from the development of science in this field.

Most profound of all perhaps, is the likely development of the science of adapting the human personality by chemical or surgical means. Already it is known that certain personality defects, as they are called, can be eradicated by such methods, particular tendencies to violent crime, for example. Yet once again we are only at the beginning of a process that will unfold rapidly.

What would be the consequences when crime comes to be regarded as something to be treated by medical means rather than by punishment? What becomes of the old moral distinctions on which our present social structure is based? If it is acceptable to vary a person's personality in order to eliminate a character defect, how soon will it become possible to vary his personality, not to eliminate an obvious criminal tendency, but to produce a positive tendency towards judgments and actions that conform to a particular pattern?

Already I believe that we imperfectly understand the relation between responsibility and criminality. It was for this reason I asked Lord Butler to conduct an inquiry, whose results will soon appear, and which will, I hope throw some light on the fundamental difference between a temptation that is too strong for a man to resist, and a temptation that he just has not resisted.

In any case, what seems crystal clear is that science in this field is setting far political thinkers problems of the control of the use of knowledge which have not yet begun to be tackled.

Sir Bernard Lovell was surely right when he said that the mind of man is adrift. It seems quite clear that scientific progress is outstripping political progress. It is also clear that the consequences could be grave, for as Sir Bernard pointed out, the dividing line between triumph and disaster is narrow, and it can only be contained on the right side if there is the proper political framework within which to do this.

Shall we come to know more than is good for us? Can we know more than is good for us? Perhaps we can. Certainly much is lost as the magic and the mystery disappear. The moon of Beethoven or Debussy gives way to a dusty planet inhabited by crawling laboratories and golfing astronauts. Literature deserts the romance of love for the gymnastics of sex. Could we adapt Madame De Stael and say, "*tous expliquer c'est tout detruire*".

But we cannot suppress the march of knowledge. Those who have tried in the past have always failed. The demand for knowledge is as much part of man's nature as the spirit of aggression. What both need is direction and purpose, and this will emerge only from the other profound strain in human nature, the search for the ideal.

Man responds to a challenge and always has done. Take it away, and he relapses. Societies which have stood against war and privation may collapse under the pressure of and security. I do not politicians can muster man will to ensure tha fic progress brings gre than ill, save under of some new ideal.

It seems unlikely th new ideal, or even nee an old ideal, would co the existing religions, ditional religions, Ch and the religions of th East and Asia, have little new in the way lectual or spiritual im a long time. The ne ments that have cau imagination of men h revolutionary or nati or both. Under the either it is possible t a political discipline, is not a solution that welcomed by those w understood democracy.

All of us brought u parliamentary traditi some understanding of cept of freedom, ar knowledge of the that it imposes, and t ation it can give. But has been the achieve freedom from somethi oppression, from from privation. It is r of a more comfortable that this crusade n exists. It must be rep a new sense of posit dom, of freedom fo things, freedom to mak the discoveries of sc the enhancement of th spirit.

The challenge that t philosopher could issu practitioners of politic cisely this one. "Scien headlong advance is immense opportuniti good or ill. Science choose which it shall choice, which ultimate with the people, can taken if you give th enlightenment and th ance. The time is very s

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Oh what a lovely year for English cricket

Not long ago, at this time of year, it used to worry me that people with a general, as distinct from a particular interest in sport, were on the whole indifferent that cricket was over and rather pleased that football had begun. That has changed now. The advent of autumn means the passing of something which gives a lot of people a great deal of pleasure. This has been especially so in 1975.

Some wonderful cricketing weather has helped of course. After a cold May, the sun came out for the Prudential World Cup at the start of June, since when it has given the game every chance. After a bad start England fought back doggedly against Australia and found in David Steele an improbable hero; the county championship has reached an exciting climax: there is a series to look forward to this winter, between Australia and West Indies, which brings the giants together.

This is all fine. When a big match is being played, or a round of one of the knock-out competitions, the Post Office is flooded with calls for the latest scores. How healthy, though, is the game beneath its sun tan? In looking for the answer to that, let's start at the beginning—in the schools.

My impression here is that there is as much competence at the top as there used to be, but less flair. Watching the best from the public schools playing the best from the state schools recently I was struck by the single-mindedness with which the two sides set about it, yet worried by the difficulties facing cricket in every kind of school. Shorter and earlier summer terms are a problem; so, too, is the growing importance of exams, and the declining supply of the old type of schoolmaster, eager to help with the coaching and to fire the enthusiasm of the boys.

At a junior level less organized cricket is played than at any time this century. To offset this, partly at any rate, there is more holiday cricket for boys than there used to be.

To the villages next. There, I am told, a generation is missing, from the days when it was tediously fashionable to kick a football about from the start of the year to the end. With the young now returning to cricket, the game on the village green is in better shape, from the aspect of recruitment. What concerns me about it is the extent to which it has become competitive. In league and cup it is being played with the emphasis on containment. Medium pace monopolizes; the boys in the side seldom get a bowl and bat only when things have gone badly. Village cricket, in fact, is tending to take itself too seriously for its own good, thereby endangering its charm.

At club level seriousness is to be expected. Here, as every where else, there are too few spin bowlers and too many seamers. Four overs out of five, often nine out of 10, sometimes 19 out of 20, in an afternoon's cricket, are at medium pace. That is a habit which has spread from the top. Not long ago my headmaster brother sent a promising slow bowler to an England cricketer for some coaching, and the boy came back a seamer. "If you want to do any good in this game, it's no use being a spinner", he had been told. But keenness abounds in the clubs; facilities are good, and between club and county liaison is closer than it was.





Left, Dennis Lillee—we owe him a huge debt; and David Steele—an improbable hero.

Sportsview

So far as the counties themselves are concerned, their worries are mainly financial, though I do question the wisdom of the policy of importing, when in doubt, players from overseas or pensioners from other counties. As a result of a successful World Cup, a well-supported series against Australia, and the compromise that was reached between the Test and County Cricket Board and the BBC over televising the Test matches, the counties are due for a handsome dividend to help them in their battle with inflation.

In, say, ten years time, I doubt whether there will still be 17 first-class counties, as there are now. Of those less imaginatively managed, one or two may have had to settle for a cheaper way of life. To overcome a worsening crisis earlier this year Hampshire opened a "fighting fund", which has brought them in over £10,000 and taken them out of the red. Gloucestershire have been bailed out by the Phoenix Assurance Company, who have great plans for maintaining and improving the Bristol ground. In Derbyshire, too, a consortium of businessmen are keen to invest in the club.

Broadly speaking, a year which began with England losing the Ashes ends on a rising note. We are coming slowly to our senses in realizing that overseas players within the county game are a boon only if they are really good and strictly rationed. Further than that, they are an obstruction to local talent. Yorkshire's fight to exist without them is much to be admired. The fact that Steele can come from the ranks of the workers and hold his own against Australia speaks well for the standards of the county game; the absence of young faster bowlers, as distinct from medium-pacers, is an indictment of groundsmen for failing to produce faster pitches. These are urgently needed.

Cricket in England owes Thomson and Lillee a giant debt, unpleasant though it was to watch them shooting their shrapnel into our batsmen's bodies last winter. As figures in the shop windows and idols of the young, they have brought a touch of glamour to the game. In the way they won the first World Cup the West Indians did a splendid job for cricket. As England's new captain Tony Greig has a charisma which does more than could be achieved by an army of public relations men. Look back for as long as you care and you will see that cricket never has been *what it was*. Technically, as the spinner's influence recedes, that is probably truer now than ever; but it is truer, too, that not for a long time has it had a busier or a better year than 1975.

John Woodcock

When one man's speech is another man's script

Everybody who is anybody in public life has one nowadays—and some retain a retinue. The vocation is increasingly fashionable. I am alluding, of course, to speech-writers. With the conference season upon us, they will have their hands full in coming weeks.

Many of the practitioners, active or retired, are rather bright. Looking back, one thinks, for example, of Nigel Lawson (Sir Alec), Ben Whitaker (Mr Wilson), Douglas Hurd and William Waldegrave (Mr Heath). Earlier, the corps included John Wyndham (Mr Macmillan), George Christ (Sir Winston), John Harris (Mr Gaitskell). The young Reginald Maudling was another when he worked in the Conservative Research Department. Of course they all did other things as well, and usually had several partners specializing in particular fields.

While the voice was the master's the words, in greater or lesser part, were often the speech-writer's—though not always, one should emphasize. As everyone knows, Churchill gave prolonged attention to the construction of his speeches: that is why they reflected his own heroic qualities so dramatically. But even he had need of assistance. It could hardly have been otherwise.

Leaders of great political parties cannot be expected to compose every line of every speech themselves and still do justice to all the other demands of high office, if only for want of time. But some are less reliant than others on the services of speech-writers. One of these is Mr Wilson; another is Mrs Thatcher.

On becoming leader of the Conservative Party, Mrs Thatcher was at first inclined—even determined—to stick to her previous practice and prepare every speech herself, sitting up half the night to do so. She has since been persuaded to accept a little help. There are many who will admire her preference, just as Mr Wilson deserves a salute for the same reason.

But in this respect (as well as others) party leaders are in a class of their own, with responsibilities far removed from those of the generality. One might reasonably ask lesser figures in public life to address us in words of their own. While many still do so, a depressingly large number are now turning to speech-writers, such is the attraction of that smart profession, with its apparent promise of easy acclaim for economy of effort.

Whereas political grandees like R. A. Butler (whom I have seen composing speeches in his shirtsleeves, writing furiously — sprawlingly — on sheet after sheet) or Iain Macleod, with his neat hand and controlled sentences, were ready to give both time and intellect to what ought to be one of the first priorities in public life, their successors often prefer the less exacting course. They might try to emulate Mr Enoch Powell for a change, and do it themselves—not that many could hope to equal Mr Powell's powers of expression.

George Hutchinson

Nor is this tendency confined to politics, national or local. While the professional speech-writer has become a familiar figure on the political landscape, he is also at large elsewhere, finding ever more employment with captains of industry and leaders of the professions (with Tom, Dick and Harry, too, when they can afford his services). To my mind, it is a most regrettable development.

Company chairmen and other notabilities such as presidents of professional institutions ought to be able to think clearly about their own trade or calling. They should be equally capable of giving expression to their thoughts, instead of resorting to speech-writers. We are entitled to hear that *they* think, what *they* know, what they believe, in words of their own choice.

In industry, the exemplar is surely Sir Halford Reddish, whose statements as chairman of Rugby Portland Cement—wise, pithy, idiosyncratic and informative—are among the gems of commercial literature: indeed they are more than that, embracing as they do a broad philosophy of wider import. But then we can hardly expect every industrialist to match Sir Halford's standards.

What most people could usefully do, when their duties (or ambitions) include public speaking and they feel unsure of themselves, is to accept some tuition in the art. Instead of calling in speech-writers they might take a course in *speech-making*. Although I have no personal experience of them (I merely write), these are, I gather, quite painless. Two London practitioners are Mrs Thelma Seear and Mr Millett Wood.

Mrs Seear, a member of Westminster City Council, runs the Abbey School for Speakers. "Nervousness is the outstanding problem", she says. "Most normal sensible people hate speaking, and tend to duck out of it."

"Nervousness", says Millett Wood, who works on his own, "is a natural asset, never to be lost but to be harnessed with patience and determination." He is a barrister by training, and something of a philosopher.

Both have political pupils—prospective parliamentary candidates and peers rather than MPs (of whom a good many have previously passed through their hands). But most of their clients belong to the business world.

While it is not for me to reveal their techniques, I might mention one simple precept of Mr Wood's: "Where my eyes look my voice carries (so look mostly at the back of the room)".

He and Mrs Seear are agreed (as no doubt they are agreed on much else) that good speeches are not written out in their entirety beforehand. Notes, yes—even extensive notes, preferably committed to cards. Full text, no. What do the speech-writers say to that?

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Mr Phili my old chin

The sound of breakin ery in the Comm Members for the remonstrate with Mr Dunn for having bou man, confirms me in t that "Public relations waste of my time. In t sixties, while MP for ter, I was public-relati sultant to Rosenthal C this country. My duti to get Mr Philip Ro picture in the papers, porcelain into the glos azines. Mr Dunn has su where I failed.

Working for Rosen rather like the defini war as being nine-tenth dom and one-tenth ho excitement. The routi pleasant enough. Luncheo lady journalists, who into two sorts: pretty, and formidable, and jus dable. Over the coffee, press a packet of phot their hands, and talk Philip. Sometimes, a pi a plate would eve appear.

So, too, did Mr Phi would arrive from without warning, flyin own aircraft. He woul like Marshal Kesselring the cockpit to be met largely. German staff st strictly to attention. E then in his early aggressively fit, bri bronzed, and undou dynamic.

I was never left i doubt that back hom Philip was a national Indeed, later in the sixt went into public life, and short time held minor In Britain, however, he w known. The purpose visit was to launch at a p new set of cups and sauce the morning of the pa would rise at six, and in and vest, jog solemnly a the Serpentine for an hou task was to persuade national press to jog dance.

My attempts to do so h been met with ribald ref I was reduced to sending photo of a plate sandw between two of Mr P There were many photog of Philip Rosenthal avai most of which seemed to on his knees. Mr Philip c ing in the Andes, Mr Phil the double in some Ge park, Mr Philip in *Lederh* Trousers were kept for of Mr Philip with some fo head of state. Never, in time, did one appear in a dish daily newspaper.

My failure was total. It in vain I pointed out despite the excellence of porcelain, and his dual nat lity, Mr Philip was simply news. I flourished picture plates taken from trade azines, coffee pots from *Housekeeping*, and table tings from the Women's I of *The Times*. It was enough. After a harro scene we parted company, I felt fortunate not to b been shot.

Now, 10 years la[ter] by stroke of his pen, the Ch man of the House of Comm Kitchen Committee has m "Rosenthal" into a househ name, and made an unintend gift of a quarter of a mill pounds' worth of publicity. only I could have enjoyed s a storm in a tea-cup!

Julian Critchl

The author is Conservative f for Aldershot...

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NEW WORK FOR THE IMF

Those gathered this week in Washington for the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund have been more concerned with the question of how and when the present world economic recession is to be brought to an end than with the international monetary system itself. Yet this very lack of emphasis is important. For the low key agreements on the position of gold in the system and the low key disagreements on exchange rate policies served to underline the fact that most of those involved will be content to let things drift in their present direction for the time being.

The apparent decision on gold, where the views of the United States and of France were opposed, may well in practice turn out to be less of a real change that seemed at first sight to be the case. First, in the formal sense, the agreement was only reached on the assumption that it would be ratified as part of a wider package, which should include agreed changes in the rules governing changes in exchange rates. These changes have not yet been agreed, since there is still a wide theoretical gulf between the United States, which is insisting on an endorsement for a system of floating exchange rates, and France, which equally insists for the moment on a commitment of principle to a regime of fixed exchange rates.

Secondly, at the doctrinal level, the gold agreement has the quality of being most things to most men. The American determination has always been to downgrade the position of gold in the system. The French have held that gold should be a more usable part of the total of international reserve assets and that central banks should be free to buy and sell the metal. The agreement that the IMF should sell part of its gold to finance aid to developing countries and return a further proportion to those who subscribed it in the first place, while at the same time all reference to gold as a point of monetary reference should be removed from the IMF's rules, is compatible with both points of view.

Finally, on a practical level, it may well prove difficult for the IMF to sell gold in large quantities, without depressing the price to a point where the object of the exercise, namely the financing of aid to its less well-off members, is foiled.

So much for the week's agreement. The week's disagreement about the exchange rate regime to be written into the IMF's revised articles may well also have less practical import than appears on the surface. The compromise is likely to be a formula which pays lip-service to fixed exchange rates, while sanctioning the continued practice of floating exchange rates.

Behind the formalities, however, two important trends were apparent. The first is that the IMF is developing a clear additional role as an aid-giving or aid-creating agency. The proposal for a trust fund for the poorest nations would be a clear move into fields that have until now been the more exclusive province of the World Bank and its aid-giving affiliates. The second is that the IMF is coming to terms with the changed political and economic balance of the world. In institutional terms this is reflected in the reduction of the voting quotas of the United States, the United Kingdom and other western industrial countries, in order to accommodate greater quotas for the oil producing countries. In monetary terms it is reflected in the general way in which the faltering search is progressing for a monetary system not based, as from the end of the war it was, on the total primacy of the American dollar.

AN OUTRAGEOUS ACT

The world will be outraged by yesterday's brutal demonstration at the Hilton Hotel of what man is prepared to do to man. But the terrorists will have anticipated this before they lit the fuse, and probably even hoped for it. To repeat it is merely to echo the frustration felt by the forces of law when confronted by an enemy whose targets are random and whose respect for human life has dwindled away.

The problems facing the police have grown rather than diminished. Even the familiar "Irish accent" delivering the inadequate warning to a London newspaper leaves open a range of possibilities. The most serious would be an authorized attack by the Provisional IRA because this would imply the final collapse of the already fragile ceasefire in Northern Ireland. In fact the Provisionals have never officially admitted to any of the bombs detonated on the British mainland, and have even on some occasions officially disclaimed them—as in the case of the outrage at Caterham.

It could be the work of some Provisionals in this country working independently and at variance with the official policies of their own organization. It might have been perpetrated by a republican splinter group uncommitted to any ceasefire, fragile or otherwise. It could even be the product of some extremist Protestants, since their activities in recent months have proved that Catholics and republicans have no monopoly of violence and bloodletting. But this must be by far the least likely answer, requiring motives bizarre even by Ulster standards.

The choice of target is not very surprising, although the Hilton, with its strong American connexions, would seem an unwise victim for the IRA, which has drawn substantial, if dwindling, funds from sympathizers in the United States. Hotels in general are soft targets for terrorists—as indicated by the awful toll among Ulster's assorted hostelries. The Hiltons are sufficiently well known to ensure that the publicity is magnified.

There is also the effect upon London's tourist industry and social nightlife. Having successfully crippled the tourist industry in Ulster, are the terrorists now aiming at a similar, inglorious feat on this side of the Irish Sea? London restaurants are already blaming the bombs for some fall-off in trade, although this has more to do with the decline in the average Briton's spending power than with fear of a random bomb attack. On the face of it the Hilton has probably been selected because of its international name rather than its place in the British economy. It is after all not the first time it has been singled out.

The intelligence problems facing the police are immense. In Northern Ireland the standard of police and army intelligence has improved beyond all measure since the rather inept introduction of internment four years ago. This partly explains why the terrorists have elected to step up their operations on the mainland—although the greater publicity value attached to a bomb in London must remain the more powerful argument.

One hopes that the echoes of yesterday's explosion will be heard loudly and clearly by the perpetrators of hoax calls whose malice confuses the present situation and who must indirectly bear a share of responsibility for some of the injuries inflicted over the past few years. The country, united in its condemnation, must be united in its vigilance too if terrorism of this kind is to be contained and in due time defeated.

TURNER DESERVES SOMERSET HOUSE

Silence did not fall in Covent Garden when the market moved away. There is a desultory tapping of hammers from the central building, which is being restored and converted. The reopened Jubilee Market is doing lively trade in T-shirts, grapes and oysters, and the temporary Japanese water-garden on the Odhams site still thrives. The Covent Garden Forum is holding elections, and the area's normal ferment of official, commercial and community interests continues. But it has still failed to throw up new permanent uses for more than a few of the large, awkward, dilapidated and delightful buildings that the market left behind.

In this context alone, the decision that Mr Hugh Jenkins announced yesterday is plainly the right one. The National Theatre Museum is not to be set up in Somerset House after all, but in Covent Garden, almost certainly in the basement of the old Flower Market. The decision is just as right for the museum as for Somerset House. The museum never could have been the ideal occupant for the seven fine eighteenth-century rooms allotted to it there in 1973. They offered too little space for offices, research and storage (the museum possesses a million playbills and programmes), while appropriately theatrical displays of flats, costumes and spotlights would have obscured their ornate mouldings and ceilings. The Flower Market basement, now occupied by a lively exhibition on the planning of London, has ample space and no irrelevant splendours. But after many years' struggle to get any home at all, the supporters of the museum were happy to settle for what they had been offered.

If it had not been for the Turner bicentenary exhibition at the Royal Academy last year, the imperfect solution would probably never have been called into doubt. But the great success of that exhibition revived the idea of a separate Turner gallery in which his paintings could be seen as a group. The painter himself had demanded as much in his will, and his purpose had been frustrated by rather shabby means. Of all possible galleries, none could be more suitable than the empty rooms at Somerset House, which were not only designed for the display of paintings but had actually housed the Royal Academy in Turner's day: he often exhibited and lectured there.

Now they are available, for Turner or for some other use. Turner's claim is not an automatic one. Few artists are well served by permanent, massive and solitary exposure; only a life's work that is at once varied and coherent in the highest degree can sustain it. The enthusiasm shown by the crowds at Burlington House was partly the result of publicity and a limited season. The paradox of the rediscovery of an artist whose work was already profusely available (and, at the Tate, in the large doses that he preferred) does not say much for the influence of permanent display. Never the less, the enthusiasm has not died away, as the unusual success of the British Museum's current exhibition of Turner's watercolours testifies. His output was so prodigious that the seven rooms could be filled and leave plenty of masterpieces for the National Gallery and the Tate to show. If any artist born in these islands can make a claim to deserve a gallery to himself it is Turner.

Immigration procedure

From Mr W. Stephen Gilbert

Sir, On Sunday I returned from a working trip to Iran, where I found the local people unfailingly kindly, friendly, generous and courteous.

At Meherabad Airport on Sunday morning, a colonel in the Iranian Army asked me if I would take his 15-year-old nephew through customs at Heathrow. I was happy to do so, not anticipating how short-tempered, unhelpful, superior and entirely insensitive the immigration officer would be.

The boy, who was smartly dressed and obviously intelligent, had literature from the school he was to attend but possessed no direct evidence of enrolment; he had plenty of money in English banknotes but no letter from his family to say that money would be sent on a regular basis. The immigration officer allowed him entry for one month, renewable provided the necessary documents reached the Home Office before that period expired.

This arrangement was only made, however, after an hour and a half of strenuous argument. Only at the end of heated exchanges between himself and the officer was the possibility of limited entry even raised. At one point, she (the officer) filled in a form prohibiting the boy's entry because, she said, she "didn't like his attitude". At no time did she take into account the fact that the boy spoke very few words of English and, of course, no one was available to speak Farsi.

Immigration control, it appears, is incompetent to deal with non-English-speaking arrivals and has the power to refuse entry on the arbitrary criterion of personal taste. That time-honoured excuse—that the officer was "only doing her job"—is no justification for the total lack of consideration displayed.

Having passed through this unpleasant episode, I approached the information desk to have the boy's cousin paged so that he could be met. Two English gentlemen were talking loudly by the desk—"Look at all these people coming in . . . look as if they're in purdah, some of them . . . they're not fit to be here." I couldn't tell how many English-speaking foreigners were able to hear these sentiments.

At the Victoria terminal I approached a taxi and asked to be taken to Highgate. The driver refused. He said he was only obliged to go six miles. As far as he was concerned, he told me, I could walk. The driver who did accept my fare clocked the journey for me. It was just seven miles.

It's great to be home.

Yours faithfully,
W. STEPHEN GILBERT,
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September 1.

Paintings of Kitaj

From Mrs Janet Daley

Sir, I dislike having to attack Paul Overy's writing publicly because he has, in the past, made some very generous comments about my own criticism but his remarks about Ron Kitaj (at the Edinburgh festival) are too offensive to pass without rebuttal.

The statement by Alexander Moffat that Kitaj "is widely regarded as one of the greatest artists of our own era" is dismissed with a snicker when it is (and *must* be known to be by anyone familiar with current art world opinion) simply an empirical fact. That simple-minded cliché about Kitaj's work which Overy resurrects: that it is "literary" (because it makes reference to ideas outside the incestuous vocabulary of contemporary painting) ought to lie down once and for all. Kitaj is one of the most painterly and richly visual of living artists and for him to be treated scathingly by a critic who has often praised the most vacuous, pretentiously "conceptual" (but not, presumably, "literary") anti-art is truly, to return Overy's slur on Moffat, the "kind of thing that gets art writing a bad name".

Yours faithfully,
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September 2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Anomalies in law on polygamy

From Mr T. C. Hartley

Sir, The question of Pakistani marriages, raised in an article in your issue of September 3, is a complex one. The problem arises because the great majority of Pakistanis are Mohammedans and if they marry in Pakistan the marriage will presumably be celebrated under Islamic law, which permits a man to have up to four wives.

Under a well established doctrine of English law, a marriage celebrated under a system of law permitting polygamy is regarded as polygamous even though the husband may have no intention of taking a second wife. If valid under the rules of English conflict of laws, such a marriage will now be recognized in England for most purposes (including divorce and maintenance). There are also various ways in which it can be converted into a monogamous marriage (assuming it is *de facto* monogamous): for example, if the parties subsequently acquire a domicile in a monogamous country (such as England).

In view of this, it might seem strange that if the parties are already domiciled in England at the time of the ceremony, the marriage will be regarded in England as totally void. Yet this is the commonly held view and the Home Office was acting properly in pointing it out.

The difficulty is not just a matter of the Nullity of Marriage Act 1971, section 1(d), added by the Matrimonial Proceedings (Polygamous Marriages) Act 1972, section 4 (hardly "obscure" laws!). A way round this provision was in fact discovered by Cumming-Bruce J in *Radwan v Radwan* (No 2) [1973] 3 All ER 1026.

The root cause of the problem lies in the supposed common law doctrine, propounded by academic textbook writers, that a marriage celebrated under a system of law permitting polygamy is void if either party was, at the time of the ceremony, domiciled in a monogamous country. There has never been any real judicial authority for this doctrine and the case normally cited in its support, *Re Bethell* (1888) 38 ChD 220, was decided on quite different grounds.

The doctrine has, however, been proclaimed in successive editions of Dicey & Morris (see p287 of the 9th ed) and the Law Commission was talked into accepting it: hence section 4 of the Matrimonial Proceedings (Polygamous Marriages) Act. It was, however, rejected in *Radwan v Radwan*, but the doctrine put forward in its place, though meeting the needs of that case, does not solve the present difficulty.

The problem is a serious one. There must be thousands of couples in this country from Pakistan, and other polygamous countries, who imagine that they are lawfully married but whose marriages are in fact null and void in the eyes of English law. The matter could easily be put right by a short statute providing that, so long as they are *de facto* monogamous, such marriages will be recognized in this country as valid and as having been instantaneously converted to monogamy. Will the Law Commission sponsor such a Bill?

Yours faithfully,
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September 4.

Trial by jury

From Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

Sir, Professor Walker's article of August 22 on the current debate over jury trial acquittals correctly cites me as the proponent of abolition of trial by jury. May I state, however, that my advocacy of trial by a professional tribunal is prompted by factors other than any disquiet about the rate of acquittals achieved by lay juries.

I am of the view that the researches conducted separately by Mrs McCabe of Oxford and Mr Zander at the London School of Economics have so far done nothing to substantiate the criticisms advanced by the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police: rather the reverse. My criticism of the jury system—which I advanced in an article in your paper last year—is based on the costliness and inefficiency (not necessarily ineffectiveness) of our trial system and its failure to provide a proper appellate process.

Yours faithfully,
LOUIS BLOM-COOPER,
As from Poste Lafayette,
Mauritius.

Education of officers

From Mr D. G. Brown

Sir, In your issue of September 3 your Defence Correspondent refers to the report of the committee on Army regular officer training and that it wants the art of self-expression and the ability to write clear, concise English taught and practised at every opportunity in a young officer's education.

There follows the recommendation that the Army should continue to recruit an increasing proportion of graduates, presumably because if all Army officers were graduates the problem of oral and verbal expression would be minimal. But a university degree is no guarantee of the committee's requirement. There are, however, young Sandhurst trained officers and others with military training who do in fact fulfil it.

Under the present system a graduate with no military training of any kind is granted substantial seniority over militarily trained officers with some years' service, simply because he is in possession of a university degree, regardless of faculty or class.

As the committee's requirement ought to be paramount, would the Service not benefit if officers' seniority were determined on the results of tests of their ability to speak and write logically and clearly rather than in accordance with the present system? At least, merit would then be the criterion.

Yours faithfully,
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September 3.

True cost of housing subsidies

From Mr Michael Harwood

Sir, Mr Nigel Lawson "no less" takes issue (September 3) with the Chief Executive of Dacorum District Council. May I take issue with Mr Lawson?

First, one cannot be dogmatic about the basis for calculating the subsidy received by local authority tenants. At one extreme, one could (and some would) argue that since everyone is entitled to a reasonable house at a price that he can afford, the subsidy is the difference between what the tenant pays and what he could afford to pay. On this basis the subsidy might be a positive or a negative amount.

Mr Lawson's suggestion (the difference between what the tenant pays and the market rent) is based on the premise—which derives from no necessary logic—that local authority housing should be treated as if built for letting on the open market with a return including the element of profit. Since, I assume, local authority houses are built to provide homes for those who need them on a non profit making basis, it would seem that even logic is against Mr Lawson. On the basis of my assumption, the subsidy must be the difference between what the tenant pays and the cost to the authority.

This brings one back to Mr Lawson's first point, that 1929 pounds are not 1975 pounds. How does one calculate the cost of a house to the local authority?

If one takes purely historic costs, then of course the 1929 house has been paid for many times over by the tenants; and there is some justification for the argument of the 1929 house tenant that he is subsidizing the modern house tenant. If alternatively one takes the replacement cost—which is the more natural basis since older houses have to be maintained, improved and eventually replaced at present prices—then obviously one uses the 1975 pound. If one takes a broad collective view, then one takes the current total cost of the local authority housing account and sets it against the total income from rents. This is what local authorities do as they do not charge differential rents for houses of different ages. If one accepts this basis, then the subsidy is—as I think the Chief Executive implied—the amount over and above rental income which has to be provided to balance the account.

Yours faithfully,
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September 4.

From Mr Henry Aughton

Sir, Mr Nigel Lawson does us all a service by his demonstration today (September 3) that lack of comprehension about some elementary aspects of housing finance affects even some of our legislators.

In stating the obvious, that money borrowed in 1929 is being repaid in depreciated 1975 pounds, he seems to be under the illusion that this applies only to council housing. He raised a mortgage some years ago. Did he do a calculation each year, and insist in paying more than the mortgage deed required, in order to compensate for the fall in the value of money?

His other point is that (according to him) the extent of a council house subsidy is the difference between the rent actually paid and the open market rent, if there were one. But there isn't one. Never mind; let us follow this interesting approach in his own case. Is he not subsidized twice over, once by way of tax relief, and again by virtue of the fact that he does not pay for his housing at today's values, but on a mortgage related to a value which is long out of date?

The truth is that the whole housing market is a tangled mass of complexities and anomalies; and incantations about council housing are no substitute for an objective analysis of our problems.

Yours, etc,
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September 3.

From Mr D. L. Bullock

Sir, The 1974 Rent Act distinguishes two basic categories of landlord and sharply differentiates between them. The first category is formed by the resident landlord who lives in part of his own house, other parts of which he lets to tenants. The second category consists of all the other landlords, be they non-resident individual owners or companies.

The 1974 Rent Act provides the resident landlord with safeguards in relation to his tenants, enabling him to exercise some choice in the longer term and thus to prevent intolerable conditions (should they occur) from becoming permanent in his own dwelling house. This is excellent as far as it goes.

There is however a hybrid type of landlord, who straddles the neat division of the above categories by partaking in some measure of the character of both. This is the resident landlord, who by way of an administrative convenience has formed a small family company to deal with the lettings so as to separate them from his professional activities. This arrangement may pre-date the 1974 Rent Act by many years and he may now find that under the new dispensation his status of resident landlord is jeopardized by being designated a company.

To restore equity in such a situation it would be desirable for an authoritative ruling to be given to confirm the resident landlord's status in such cases.

Yours faithfully,
D. L. BULLOCK,
42 Sterndale Road,
Brook Green, W14
September 4.

The Greek trireme

From the President of Wolfson College

Sir, I should be glad if you would allow me to comment briefly on Mr Eric Leach's article in your issue of August 30 as one of those classical scholars whose conclusions about the Greek trireme he regards as "unconvincing", and as an, albeit newly appointed Trustee of the National Maritime Museum to whose Chief Archaeologist, Mr Sean McGrail, he refers.

Mr Leach says: "Our knowledge of Greek triremes comes from conflicting descriptions, vase paintings, sculpture and coins", which "rely heavily on artistic licence", although there is enough consistency to hint that we have underestimated the sophistication of these vessels. In fact the evidence from the representations he mentioned, though very scanty, is not conflicting, and is almost all so accurate that a three-dimensional projection can be made from them which is not only inherently plausible but satisfies the structural evidence from other sources. The Greek artist had a very accurate eye.

Furthermore, no one who has read the recent publications on these ships could regard the reconstructed vessel as "an unlikely hull" (bi- phrase) or as anything less than a highly sophisticated affair. Triremes were plainly, as an ancient author says, "a complicated kind of mill", a rowing-machine designed for high speed and manoeuvrability in the sheltered waters invariably chosen for sea battles, in which the ships were used as rams. When the sea became choppy action was broken off. Thucydides says that the Corinthians in these conditions were more likely than the Athenians to catch crabs. Thucydides and Xenophon tell us incontrovertibly that main-sails were left ashore before battle. Indeed, on two occasions they were captured by the enemy, Conon captured Lysander's after Aegospotami.

Mr Leach finds all this "unconvincing" and prefers to believe that triremes, being highly sophisticated sailing ships, *must* have used sail in battle "to secure the tactically valuable windward position". I am afraid that if he can believe that he can believe anything. Sail was used in transit, when the wind was favourable; and when the wind was unfavourable they did not normally attempt to row instead, though we do hear exceptionally of long voyages under oar, on one occasion for training. On another, a trireme under oar covered 140 miles in a long day ie, if that is 12 hours, at nearly 12 knots. Presumably the wind was favourable but not strong enough for sail, and the oarsmen rowed one or possibly two of the three divisions at a time. Much higher speeds would have been possible in short spurts in battle.

There is evidence that the trireme's square sail was braced round when the wind was on the quarter or abeam, but we only hear of small boats tacking into the wind. The area of sail could be varied by use of brailing ropes. These facts suggest a degree of sophistication in sailing as well as rowing techniques. The Athenians of Pericles' day were outstandingly fine oarsmen and fine sailors; they were not so foolish as to take a first-class rowing machine designed for ramming into battle under sail.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN MORRISON,
Wolfson College,
Cambridge.
September 2.

A disaster relief force

From Mr David Smithers

Sir, It is beyond argument that a tiny percentage of the manpower, vehicles, equipment, and logistical expertise of Nato forces, if made available on stand-by for an international disaster relief transport force, could prevent much unnecessary loss of life in regions afflicted by flood, famine, earthquake, epidemics.

I would strongly support the appeal of Maurice Chandler and Hugh Hanning (September 4) for the British Government to take the initiative in the creation of such a force.

As a former deputy director of Christian Aid I can testify to the immense value of military assistance in an emergency situation.

In September, 1973, there was in Mali and Niger a desperate need for vehicles in an emergency vaccination campaign to save decimated cattle herds in the West African drought. The United Nations had the personnel and vaccine in West Africa. We had the vehicles in Britain. The United Kingdom Defence Department came to the rescue by making available 50 soldiers and an RAF officer to drive the vehicles directly across the Sahara, avoiding congested West African sea ports.

Months were thus saved. The servicemen had a unique element added to their training. The operation was cheap, efficient and good for morale. (an RAF VC10 on scheduled flight brought us home). The United Nations was sufficiently impressed thereafter to promote the use of the quicker desert route for their relief supplies.

Encouraged by this success, the five main British voluntary relief organizations sent another even larger convoy of gift vehicles overland to West Africa, again manned by servicemen.

During the same period the Belgian Army sent a convoy by the same route but in no way coordinated with the British effort.

If a major operation could have been planned and executed on the scale possible in a Nato context, thousands more of the Touaregs and other tribesmen who died in the 1973-74 drought would be alive today and an immense amount of human misery mitigated.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID SMITHERS, Controller,
Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association,
27 Queen Anne's Gate,
Westminster, SW1.
September 4.

Recalling past pleasures

From Professor Norman MacKenzie

Sir, Among yesterday's pleasures were the survivals of Victorian street life even in the London of the 'twenties which made a vivid passing show for a small boy. The day began with market-carts rattling up from Kent to Covent Garden. At 7.30 the postman knocked with the first of six deliveries and the policeman passed on his hourly beat. Then came the milkman, pushing his large churn with metal cans hanging from a rail, the baker with fresh bread in a basket and the rag-and-bone merchant calling out on his daily round.

During the day one would see gypsies with baskets of pegs, or violets in season; Carter Paterson's van trotting slowly by, its driver looking for the card in the window which invited a call; on Sundays there would be the cockle and muffin man. Every evening, as the lamp-lighter poked his stick up to the lamps, the newsboys would saunter past crying their papers.

All have gone: there are only a few market stalls left to remind us of past Christmases, with the hissing naphtha flares, and the smell of chestnuts and tangerines pungently hanging in the fog.

Yours faithfully,
NORMAN MacKENZIE,
2 Montpelier Villas,
Brighton.
September 4.

From Mr Kingsley Royden

Sir, As a ten-year-old during the mid-twenties in the streets of Bromley-by-Bow, East London, walking barefoot in the spray of the council's water-cart.

Yours faithfully,
KINGSLEY ROYDEN.
27 Chestnut Close, Buckhurst Hill,
Essex.

From Mr G. C. Bird

Sir, In the early twenties, riding on a London tram between 10 am and 4 pm for "2d all the way".

Yours faithfully,
G. C. BIRD,
24 Grove Road,
Sheffield.

From Mr Patrick Mills

Sir, In the 1920s one could buy for a ha'penny a monster gobstopper and over an hour of dribbling delight—and a bun could be bought for a farthing, including currants.

Yours truly,
PATRICK MILLS,
11 Hillbury Close,
Warlingham, Surrey.

From Mrs Cecil Flemming

Sir, A drive in a motor car.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH FLEMMING.
14 Northampton Park, N1.

From Mr C. B. Q. Nicholls

Sir, The letters that have appeared in your columns over the past few days on the subject of yesterday's pleasures have proved beyond all reasonable doubt that there is still one thing left for us to enjoy: Nostalgia.

Yours, etc,
BENJAMIN NICHOLLS,
Queens' College,
Cambridge.

City of London Police

From Mr J. O'Dwyer

Sir, Yesterday I read a plea from the Assistant Commissioner of the City of London Police pointing out why his force should not be swallowed up in the mad rush to make everything bigger. Surely overall efficiency comes from small efficient units. Amalgamations tend to reduce rather than increase efficiency, although a few "coppers" may be saved.

The City of London Police is famed all over the world for the dignity, fairness and efficiency in its dealings with minor and most complicated matters, so why change a winning team?

I had the honour to serve in the force for over 30 years and I have seen the pageantry and splendour of the City but I was also there during the blitz when the old City was an emblem of freedom.

The City Police operates at the hub of British tradition in a most unobtrusive manner but ever watchful. Think on this. Come on you City toffs, make your voices heard and save the dear old City of London Police.

J. O'DWYER,
12 Embassy Court,
54 Bounds Green Road, N8.
September 3.

Kriket

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Sir, I think I can tell Mr Michael Vyvyan (September 3) when and where the first cricket match took place in Poland. It was early in the summer of 1946 on a football ground in Warsaw, the two teams being composed of members of the British Embassy staff. The air attache captained one team and I captained the other. In the eighteenth-century tradition we had a wager of 5,000 zlotys on the match, the rate of exchange between the pound and the zloty being at that time a matter of opinion.

Unfortunately for me, shortly before the match two clerks in the air attache's office had to be replaced, and both their replacements were more than competent fast-medium bowlers. The air attache's team won.

One of the difficulties we encountered was that of persuading small boys in Polish, without the advantage of a public address system, why they were welcome to throw the ball in after it had crossed the boundary line and not before.

The match aroused a certain amount of interest locally, and it is possible that the seed we then sowed has now flowered in Slovakia. I wonder whether the Slovak spectators whom Mr Vyvyan met were better instructed than the Poles.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK HOWARTH,
912 Nell Gwynn House, SW3.
September 4.

SOCIAL NEWS

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend the Remembrance Day Service at the Cenotaph and lay wreaths on November 9.

The King of the Belgians is 45 tomorrow.

Birthdays today

Air Vice-Marshal Sir Ben Ball, 63; the Right Rev J. Bickersteth, 54; Major-General L. T. Furnivall, 68; General Sir Peter Hellings, 59; Admiral Sir Reginald Portal, 81; Lieutenant-General Sir John Read, 58; Sir James Stubblefield, 74; Miss J. A. Tredgold, 72; Sir Anthony Wagner, 67; Sir William McEwan Younger, 70.

TOMORROW: Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon Sir Martin Charteris, 62; Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, 58; Sir Colin Crowe, 52; Professor Sir Keith Feiling, 91; Lieutenant-General A. Floyer-Acland, 90; Lieutenant-General Sir Brian Horrocks, 80; Professor Sir Brian Pippard, 55; Mr Anthony Quayle, 62; Sir John C. B. Richmond, 66; Sir Neil Shields, 56; the Rev J. P. Thornton-Duesbery, 73; Air Marshal Sir John Whitley, 70.

Bryanston School

The autumn term begins today with 530 pupils, the highest number in the history of the school. This includes 72 girls in the sixth form and a first intake of 20 girl Common Entrance candidates. The following new housemasters and housemother have been appointed: Mr P. J. H. Fale, Shaftesbury; Mr J. Baker, Hartman; Dr A. N. McDonald, Durweston; Mrs S. Sutcliffe, Greenleaves. R. L. Lamb will be head boy. The exeat is from October 25 to November 3; term ends on December 13.

St James's School

The autumn term starts today. Anne Howard is head girl. Half-term is from Thursday, October 30 to Tuesday, November 4. Term ends with a performance of Noye's Fludde by Benjamin Britten on Saturday, December 13, and a carol service on Sunday, December 14.

Shrewsbury School

The Michaelmas term begins today with 640 boys in the school. The Old Salopian Weekend takes place on October 11 and 12 and term ends on December 13.

Geranium Day for the Blind

The Geranium Day street and house-to-house collections in the Metropolitan and City of London Police areas on April 15, 1975, totalled £42,469. Despite unfavourable weather, this was an increase of £593 on the previous year. The amount collected in the City of London was £3,732.

The Joint Geranium Day Committee again thanks the public for its generous support and gratefully acknowledges its indebtedness to honorary organizers and helpers for their services.

Centenary service

A centenary celebration service for Samuel Coleridge-Taylor was held at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre yesterday. Canon Richard Tydeman officiated and read an appreciation from the American Ambassador. Sir Thomas Armstrong, chairman of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund, unveiled a statuette in the Musicians' Chapel and led a procession which included Miss Avril Coleridge-Taylor, Dr R. W. Riddell and the Dean of King's College Hospital Medical School.

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Alfred Stevens, Victorian artist: Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-6.

Exhibition on the German occupation of the Channel Islands, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, 10-5.30.

Second World War aircraft exhibition, Skyfame Aircraft Museum, Staverton airport, Cheltenham, 11-5.

Lecture: Expressive craft versus decorative art, by John Houston, lecture theatre, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 3.

London walk: A London village: Hampstead, meet Hampstead Underground station, 2.

Tomorrow

Exhibition: George III, collector and patron, the Queen's Gallery, Buckingham Palace, 2-5.

Exhibition of Iranian and Anatolian antiquities, British Museum, 2.30-6.

RAF Museum, Aerodrome Road, Hendon, 2.30-6.

City walk: Thomas More's Chelsea, meet Chelsea Town Hall, King's Road, 3.

Services tomorrow: Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: HC 8; M, 10.30, Canon D. Webster; TD and Ser (Stanford in C); Int, Let thy merciful ears (Mudd); E, 3.15, Rev G. D. Blackwell; Mag and ND (Stanford in D flat); A, Thou wilt keep him (Wesley).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: HC, 8; M, 10.30 (Harris in A flat), A, Sing praise to the Lord (Boyce); C, Canon C. P. M. Jones; HC (sung), 11.42; E, 3 (Shepherd, 1st); A, Great Lord of lords (Wood), Canon J. A. Baker; Sung, the Precentor.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: HC, 11. Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus, Missa Brevis (Wise); A, Ave verum (Carissimi), Canon Ivor Smith-Cameron; Choral Evening Prayer, 4 (Sumsion in A); A, Ave Maria (de Prez), Canon Peter Delaware.

HM TOWER OF LONDON: HC, 9.15; M, 11, Ben (Gibbons); A, Isaac waters (Irvine), Rev D. R. Fulljames.

ROYAL HOSPITAL, Chelsea (public admitted): HC, 8.30 and noon; Parade Service, 11; A, O for a closer walk (Stanford), Rev C. J. Kilvery.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) (public welcomed): HC, 8.30; Choral Eucharist, 11 (Byrd for 4 voices), Ini, Salve sancta parens (Byrd) and E, 3.30, Resident Chaplain, Mag and ND (Stanford in A), A, I sing of a maiden (Britten).

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace (public welcomed): HC, 8.30, M, 11, SE, 11 (Balrstow); E, 3.30 (Sumsion).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: M, 11, Right Rev J. C. S. Daly.

ALL SAINTS', Margaret Street: LM, 8 and 6.30; HM, 11, Missa Sancti Dominici (Rubbra), Rev S. Salter; E and B, 6, Rev John Slater, Fauxbourdons (Byrd).

CHELSEA PARISH CHURCH, Sydney Street: HC, 8.15, 12.10; Parish Communion, 10; M, 11, and E, 6.30, Rev Christopher Dent.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: HC, 8.15; Sung Eucharist, 11 (Byrd, 4 part), Blessed are the pure in heart (Walford Davis), Rev J. B. Cashell.

HOLY SEPULCHRE, Holborn Viaduct: Sung Eucharist, 9.15, Rev R. Tydeman.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road: HC, 8, 12.15 and 7.15 pm; Parish Communion, Rev J. Pain; M, 9 (said); E, 6, Rev M. Kenn.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, HC, 8.30, 11.45 (choral); M, 11, and E, 6, Prebendary George Chappell.

HOLY TRINITY, Kingsway, SE, 11, Rev David Ousace.

ST ALBAN'S, Holborn: LM, 8, and 5.30 pm; SM, 9.30, HM, 11 (Richardson in A); Turn back, O man (Holst), Rev J. McCullough.

ST BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT PRIORY (ADULTS): HC, 8, M, 10.15 (said); Choral Eucharist, 11, Acterna Christi (Palestrina), A, O Bone Jesu (Palestrina), and E, 6.30 (Blow, Dorian), the Rector; A, O Lord, increase my faith (Gibbons).

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: HC, 8.30, M & HC, 11, Rev Dewi Morgan, Jub (Boyce in A); E, 6.30, Rev Wallace Boulton, Mag and ND (Murrill in E), A, Salve sancta parens (Byrd).

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square: HC, 8.15, Sung Eucharist, 11 (Cascolini in A minor), Hist, U nata lux (Tallis), Rev E. Ohio.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High Street: HC, 8, 12, MP 11, Rev A. W. D. Bayley; E, 6.30, Rev G. C. Taylor.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: HC, 8.15, Eucharist, 9.15, and E, 6, Rev W. P. Baddeley; Sung Eucharist, 11, Rev M. K. Bice.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: HC, 8.15, 12.15 and 6.45, Rev Ivor Scott-Oldfield; M, 11, TD (Vaughan Williams in G), A, Let all mortal flesh (Holst); E, T, Mag and ND (Stanford in C), A, I was glad (Parry).

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: HC, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 (Father Peter Blake), 4.15, 6.30 and 7.30.

REGENT SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Unitog Reformed), Tavistock Place, 11 and 6.30, Dr Daniel Jenkins.

CENTRAL HALL, Westminster: 11 and 6.30, Dr M. Barnett.

KINGSWAY HALL, WC (West London Mission): 11 and 6.30.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 and 6.30, Rev Bruce Stuart.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 and 6.30, Mr John Ross.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, moving at St Martin's, Ludgate Hill: 11, President of the Conference.

ESSEX CHURCH, Unitarian Service: 11, St Mary Abbot's Hall, Vicarage Gate, Kensington.

FRIENDS MEETING FOR WORSHIP (Quakers), 53 St Martin's Lane, 11.

LITERATURE AND RELIGION—28 *KIPLING*

Leaving divinity for the unknowable God

By Craig Raine

"Young man, how's your soul?" asked General Booth, when he and Kipling received honorary degrees at Oxford. Kipling's answer is not extant. However, the question had been asked before, by Caroline Taylor, whose clergyman father thought he detected Romanist tendencies in his daughter's suitor. Kipling replied with a simple statement of faith: "I believe in the existence of a personal God to Whom we are personally responsible for wrong-doing—that it is our duty to follow and our peril to disobey the 10 ethical laws laid down for us." A catalogue of negatives succeeds this affirmation. Kipling disbelieved in heaven and hell, in the doctrines of the Trinity and Redemption, and though he reverenced Christ, he could not endorse the belief that the Crucifixion, however sincere the gesture, actually promoted man's spiritual welfare.

This sharp distinction between ethical imperatives and metaphysical speculation recurs throughout Kipling's work. Like Wittgenstein, he believed that "whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent", an attitude which probably derived from his contact with Buddhism, with its emphasis on the Law (*dharma*) and its reluctance to speculate—for Kipling was more catholic than Caroline Taylor's father could have conceived. But even the Law, as it appears in the *Jungle Book*, "Recessional" and elsewhere, is not a fixed set of rules. It stands for rules in the abstract and the need for obedience.

Upbringing as much as temperament accounts for this religious posture. Christianity never had a firm or exclusive hold on Kipling. His parents were free thinkers of Methodist stock, and even as a tot in Bombay, he had a foot in both camps, like some multi-limbed Indian godling—with his bearer, he attended Hindu rites, while his *ayah* took him to the Goanese Catholic church. At his English school, Westward Ho!, there was no chapel and the Christian notion of suffering for others was tailored to the needs of Empire, transmuted into the secular idea of service. This Conradian ideal finds expression in "The Sons of Martha". Moreover, the vast subcontinent of India diminished the exclusive claims of Christian doctrine.

Like E. M. Forster's Mrs Moore, Kipling could see the nationalistic basis of "poor little talkative Christianity"—a limitation which led him cordially to detest missionaries, and to pillory religious arrogance in the person of Chaplain Bennett in *Kim*. In life, Freemasonry was a way of overcoming racial, religious and caste barriers. Kipling's tolerance escapes only those who have not read him—in the preface to *Life's Handicap*, he wrote: "when man has come to the turnstiles of Night all the creeds in the world seem to him wonderfully alike and colourless". In *Kim*, the Lama and Mahbub Ali repeat the idea—the Lama dismissing his youth as the search for doctrine rather than truth, Mahbub comparing creeds to horses. "there is a profit to be made from them all". Even the Babu's Spencerian rationalism respects supernatural phenomena.

Indifferent to doctrine, Kipling was none the less acutely susceptible to extra-phenomenal experience. His father reports that after the death of Josephine, his daughter, Kipling saw her "when a door opened, when a space was vacant at table, coming out of every green dark corner of the garden, radiant—and heart-breaking". But like Wordsworth's Matthew in "Two April Mornings", Kipling tenderly put aside the vision: *They* and "Endor" (written after his son was killed) recount the temptation and rejection of occult experience.

The supernatural certainly existed for Kipling—he was a man who could still feel the air shaking to the "red-hot" belief of dead worshippers in a deserted mosque; a man who, in a prophetic dream, had once seen "an unreleased roll of my life-film"—but he shared Eliot's conviction that "human kind cannot bear very much reality". To Rider Haggard he explained that God intentionally made mystical experience difficult to retain, so that man could work for his fellow-men without distraction. *The Ship That Found Herself* is his comment on the querulous individual voice and the need to supress it in service.

Divinity, he felt, was for the unknowable God, not for human beings. *The Children of the Zodiac* is Kipling's allegorical expression of man's atrophying assumptions of divinity and immortality. Leo and Virgo, when they *are* Gods, fail in human understanding and, in their indifference, undervalue human life. Then the prospect of their eventual end gives life its preciousness—as Wallace Stevens wrote, "Death is the mother of beauty"—so that their loss of divine status is a valuable weaning. Kipling's version of the Fall (*Enemies Unto Each Other*) restates the point which Wordsworth sums up—"a deep distress hath humanized my soul". Adam and Eve ignore the only thing they really possess (each other) in a frenzied search for enclosure dismay, and their redemption is simply an acceptance of their own humanity.

The resurgence of Christian mythology in late Kipling is easily misinterpreted as a quasi-conversion. In fact, nothing had changed since *The Bridge Builders* (1893) where Kipling shows that the gods are merely man's imaginative projections onto the Unknown—comforting fictions, some versions of the Infinite. Krishna informs the Hindu animal pantheon that the gods change—"all save one that makes love in the hearts of men". The survivor then, will always correspond closely to the needs of the human mind. The story begins with Findlayson contemplating his bridge—he "saw that his work was good". This echo of Genesis includes Christianity among the fictions, since it implies that the biblical account of Creation is merely a human exodon writ large. The *mind*, as Stevens knew, is "a child that sings itself to sleep"—with comforters.

So, in *On the Gate*, Kipling imagines heaven as a paramilitary bureaucracy, overworked by the increased influx of dead from the First World War; while in *Uncovenanted Mercies* hell is a replica of King's Cross Station. In each case, the science fiction is a tour de force of trans-parent fantasy—man-created to comfort man. Beyond the glitter of technique here, and in the sustained irony of *The Gardener* with its visionary ending, is an essentially human message: forgiveness is all. Kipling is no Swedenborg asking us to assent to the literal detail. For who, he implicitly asks, can speak of the unknowable with certainty? Faith, he knew, could only be subjective.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr W. G. Crosbie Dawson and Miss J. Rice

The engagement is announced between William George, 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards, son of Major and Mrs R. C. Crosbie Dawson, of Northington Farm, Overton, and Juliette, daughter of Brigadier and Mrs Desmond Rice, of Fairway, Malacca Farm, West Clandon.

Mr R. G. Iliffe and Miss S. J. Stibbard

The engagement is announced between Richard Godfrey, son of Mrs P. Iliffe, of St Leonards-on-Sea, and Lieutenant-Colonel R. O. Iliffe, MBE, of Hampton, and Susan Jane, elder daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel H. O. Stibbard, MC, and the late Mrs H. W. Stibbard, of Ogbourne St George.

Mr M. W. Legat and Signorina L. Allavena

The engagement is announced between Michael Wellesley Legat, second son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Legat, of 50 Downs Park East, Bristol 6, and Luciana, only daughter of Generale and Signora Allavena, of 373 Via Nomentana, Rome.

Mr H. B. E. Middleton and Miss L. M. Veitch

The engagement is announced between Hastings Bryan Eardley, only son of H. F. Middleton and the late Mrs C. H. Middleton, of Oakhurst, 6 Cranford Avenue, Weymouth, Dorset, and Liana Margaret, second daughter of Mr and Mrs G. B. W. Veitch, of Kilmichael, Drumnadrochit, Inverness-shire.

Marriage

Mr W. B. Stephenson and Miss W. E. Harker

The marriage took place yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly, of Mr Benedict Stephenson, youngest son of Mr A. W. Stephenson, of Saxby's Mead, Cowden, Kent, and Mrs M. G. Congreve, of Marbella, Spain, and Miss Wendy Harker, daughter of the late Kenneth Harker and of Lady Lang, of 4 Belford Place, Edinburgh. The Rev W. P. Baddeley officiated and Canon Alfonso de Zulueta pronounced a blessing.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Lang, wore a gown of white embroidered organza and a veil held in place by a tiara of opals and diamonds. She was attended by Guy, Katya and Lucinda Stephenson and Jonathan Hunt. Dr Richard Willis was best man.

Church news

Diocese of Liverpool

The Rev J. R. Macaulay, team vicar of Christ the Servant, Dismoor, in the Up Holland team ministry, is to be Vicar of St Peter's, Hindley, Wigan.

The Rev A. Taylor, engaged in community relations work in Liverpool 8, to be vicar of St Anne's, Stanley.

Retirement

The Very Rev R. E. Evans, Dean of Monmouth, and Vicar of St Woolos, on October 31.

Service reception

RAF Secretarial Branch

Officers of the RAF Secretarial Branch held their annual reunion at the Officers' Mess, RAF Uxbridge, last night. Among those present were:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew and Lady Humphrey, Air Chief Marshal Sir Derek and Lady Hodgkinson, Air Commodore Molly Allott and Mr and Mrs E. Broadbent.

Service dinners

Instructor Branch, Royal Navy

The annual dinner of the Instructor Branch of the Royal Navy was held last night at HMS Dryad, Southwick Park, Hampshire. The director of the Naval Education Service, Rear-Admiral J. A. Bell, presided. Among those present were:

Admiral Sir David Williams, Rear-Admiral Sir John Fleming, and Mr J. C. Alderson.

National Defence College

A reunion dinner of No 1 Joint Services Staff College Course was held last night at the National Defence College, Latimer, Buckinghamshire. Rear-Admiral D. A. Loram presided and proposed a toast to the course and General Sir Kenneth Darling replied.



General Sir Charles James Napier, from a miniature of about 1838.

Sketch pads of general on display

By Our Arts Reporter

Lieutenant-General Sir Charles James Napier had such a high regard for his troops and they for him that when he died in 1853 a statue was erected in Trafalgar Square, built by their subscriptions.

The general, immortalized by his famous telegram after the Battle of Miani, "Peccavi" (I have sinned-Sind) was known not only for his most famous exploit, but also as a writer, administrator, ardent reformer and champion of the oppressed. He also carried sketch pads with him.

His drawings of people, landscapes and fortifications are displayed in a special exhibition at the British Library, mounted by Mr P. V. Blake-Hill, of the Department of Manuscripts. No centenary or other anniversary is connected with it. The library says its main purpose is to pay tribute to a great member of an illustrious family.

Many descendants of the general attended a special preview in the King's Library. The two showcases are headed simply, "C. J. Napier—amateur artist (1782-1853)" and in them are drawings and paintings executed between 1808 and 1838. One sketch book on show is described by Napier as "an old companion of 25 years".

A member of the family said: "The key to his life was that he had the common touch and could not stand arrogance. He also did so much for the private soldier".

The exhibition is open until December 31.

Horse trials

Britain's slight advantage over West Germany

From Pamela Macgregor-Morris

Luhmühlen, Sept 5

The British team increased their overnight lead in the European three-day event championship here today with a beautiful dressage performance by Lucinda Prior-Palmer riding Be Fair. Susan Hatherly and the Australian horse Harley, played a strong supporting role.

Britain now hold an advantage of 10.34 penalty points over West Germany, the defending champions. The Soviet Union, who were in third place yesterday, have dropped back to fourth behind Switzerland. But the scores are so close that only one refusal in tomorrow's speed and endurance phase lies between Britain and West Germany, and only one fall of horse or rider, or two refusals, lie between Britain and Poland, who are bringing up the rear in tenth place at the moment.

On the second day of dressage, Harry Klugmann and Veberot, going at No 3 for the host nation early this morning, were marked at 62.67 penalties, and the score was duplicated within the hour by Miss Hatherly and Harley.

Then yet another West German dressage expert, Otto Ammermann, riding Volturno as an individual, came up into second place with the best score of the day for 39.33 penalties. He is five points behind the overnight leader, Karl Schultz (on Madrigal), who was a familiar figure at horse trials in England last year, when he spent six months with his horse at Lars Sederholm's training establishment in Oxfordshire.

The multiplying factor of one which has been applied to the dressage marks, in order to obtain penalty points, means that all the teams are so close at this stage that the dressage will exert a relatively slight influence on the result and that the speed and endurance phase tomorrow will virtually decide the issue. This is a controversial theme in some circles, but Colonel Frank Weldon, the technical delegate here appointed by the International Equestrian Federation, has always, as Olympic rider and gold medal winner himself, been of this persuasion, and certainly it will not have an adverse effect upon the British team.

Yet it does perhaps seem that the last two days have proved little in the team connotation.

TEAM PLACINGS (after dressage): 1, Great Britain (169.00); 2, West Germany (170.34); 3, Switzerland (192); 4, USSR (199); 5, Italy (211); equal 6, France (214.01); Ireland (214.01); 8, Bulgaria (215.33); 9, The Netherlands (218.34); 10, Poland (255.67).

INDIVIDUAL PLACINGS: 1, K. Schultz, Madrigal (West Germany), 51.00 penalty pts; 2, O. Ammermann's Volturno (West Germany), 39.33; 3, Miss L. Prior-Palmer's Be Fair (GB), 43.33; 4, F. Ottoney's Ladino (West Germany), 47.67; 5, Dr A. Schwarzenbach's Big Boy (Switzerland), 53.67; 6, V. Dworjakhour's Gimel (USSR), 53.00; 7, M. Jurrens's Bold Tudor (Netherlands), 54.67; 8, H. Karsten's Sioux (West Germany), 56.67; equal 9, F. Blecker's Albrant (West Germany), 60.00, and Princess Anne's Goodwill, 60.00.

Cost dispute over town hall project

By John Young

The future of Buckingham's seventeenth-century town hall will be the subject of a public inquiry beginning on October 29. Listed grade 2, the building was in regular use until last year, when it was closed as unsafe.

Aylesbury Vale District Council, whose new headquarters was opened earlier this month, would like to preserve the hall but estimates the cost of restoration at £300,000. That figure is disputed by local conservationists, who say the work could be done for about £110,000, whereas a new civic centre for the town would cost at least £250,000.

A recent survey by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings concluded that the hall was in a reasonable state of repair and implied that the council's estimate was exaggerated.

The hall, which was commissioned by Sir Ralph Verney, a controversial member of Parliament in his day, recalls Buckingham's period as a "rotten borough".

Redevelopment threatens old warehouses

The Government will shortly decide whether to allow the demolition of a row of eighteenth and early nineteenth-century warehouses in Newport, Isle of Wight. At a public inquiry in June, Medina District Council, which owns a part of the site, supported a comprehensive redevelopment plan submitted by Galmerrow Securities.

The red brick gabled buildings, which stand on the quay at the head of the Medina estuary, are regarded as historically important in their own right and because they incorporate Tudor structures dating from Britain's early mercantile expansion.

Although the council recognizes the importance of the site, it considers that restoration and conversion to modern use would be too costly.

Latest wills

Mr Gilbert Leslie Towers, of Hasiemere, Lloyd's underwriter, left £325,500 net (no duty shown). He left £50,000 variously among 11 charities.

Other estates include (net before duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Howgill, Mr Richard John Frederick, of Storrington, first BBC Controller of Music .. £39,624

Phillips, Mr Leonard George, of Westminster, gynaecological surgeon £167,585

Schmidt, Mr Frederick Charles, of Finchley, London, company director £141,411

Senhouse, Ethel Florence Nancy, of Cockermouth £166,616

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From The Times of Wednesday, September 6, 1950

Party for a bull

From Our Correspondent

Hereford, Sept. 5.—Three hundred guests at a birthday cocktail party at Vern, Bodenham, Herefordshire, the home of Captain and Mrs. R. S. de Q. Quincey, raised their glasses today to toast the guest of honour—an 11-year-old Hereford bull. This was no ordinary bull, and the party was being held to celebrate the eleventh birthday of Vern Robert, one of the most perfect specimens of Hereford cattle ever bred in this country.

Captain Quincey said that Vern Robert's sons alone have been sold for £100,000. Many had gone to South America, where they had won national championships and sired national champions. His stock had also won championships in Australia. This sire of champions . . . has never been on a show ground.

Science report

Marine biology: 100-year-old clams

Life apparently goes much more slowly on the deep sea floor. In the dark, cold, impoverished environment, at pressures more than 300 times those at the surface, some tiny clams take about a hundred years to reach a length of eight millimetres. The estimates have been obtained by a team of American scientists from clams dredged up from a depth of 3,800 metres in the North Atlantic, based on the amount of the radioactive element radium-228 in the shells at different stages of growth.

The tiny clam, *Tindaria callistiformis*, has growth rings on its shell; the largest have about a hundred. Dr K. Turekian, of Yale University, and his colleagues suggest that each band represents one year's growth. That is true for similar bivalves living in shallow waters, where bands represent the annual fluctuation in food supply, but workers were not sure whether the same constraints would apply to animals living in the undisturbed abyss.

Because radium-288 decays with a fixed half-life (6.7 years) there is a complex mathematical relationship between the amount of radium in the shell at the time of capture and the time at which the shell started being deposited. The relationship also involves the proportion of radium to calcium laid down and a knowledge of the relationship of rate of growth of the shell length with the rate of calcium deposition.

The clams were graded into four size classes: the smallest of average length 1.7mm and the largest of 8.4mm, and the average radium content of the shell at the time of capture was calculated for each class by analysis of individual shells. Then the relationship between radium content, shell mass and age was plotted for a range of hypothetical ages. The one that best fitted the experimental data on radium content and shell mass was 98 years for the shells in the largest size class. That fits neatly with the number of rings on those shells, about a hundred, but the authors admit that that may be fortuitous. If it is not, it means that seasonal fluctuations in food supply at the surface are reflected in the depths of the ocean.

By Nature-Times News Service.

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OBITUARY

MR IVAN MAISKY

Friendly Soviet Ambassador to Britain

Mr Ivan Mikhailovich Maisky, who died on Wednesday at the age of 91, will remain one of the central figures in the diplomatic history of Europe of the 1930s and during the 1939-45 War no man played a greater part than he in the history of Anglo-Soviet relations.



Shakespeare Birthday Celebrations in April, 1926. In those days feeling against Russia was running high in official quarters, and, when the Foreign Office learnt that a representative of the Soviets had been invited to Stratford, various clumsy attempts were made to dissuade Maisky from going. He declared, however, that since the invitation had not been withdrawn he would go. Once at Stratford he made a cultured little speech about Shakespeare's popularity in Russia, and left it at that. His hosts were still highly embarrassed by his presence, which, moreover, produced later in the day a street demonstration in his favour on the part of numerous workers, who had specially come from Birmingham. The organizers of the celebrations whisked him away in a car to a remote railway station where he was put on the London train. This was Maisky's first experiment in "public relations".

Worse was to come. After the Arcos raid, which, needless to say, he thought wholly unjustified, Maisky found himself forced to leave London. He saw in the Arcos raid the temporary triumph of the "die-hards" (Birkenhead, Churchill, Joynson-Hicks) over the "moderates" (Austen Chamberlain and Balfour), and did not think that the breach would last very long. Moreover, he knew that Labour was pro-Russian. He was seen off at the station by Arthur Henderson, Citrine, Tillett, Lansbury and other prominent leaders. The *Morning Post* was furious.

After a spell in Tokyo and Helsinki, Maisky was appointed Ambassador to London in October, 1932, after Sokolnikov's recall to Moscow. British opinion was still sharply divided in its attitude to Russia, and Maisky was faced with a variety of problems ranging from the outcry against "Russian dumping" to the ludicrous "Jesus Christ Safety Matches" affair. A few days after his arrival, he was booed at the Guildhall banquet and his relations with the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, were on the frigid side. Nevertheless Maisky persisted in his efforts to normalize Soviet-British trade relations. New complications arose as a result of the arrest of the Metro-Vickers engineers in Russia in March, 1933; the trade negotiations were suspended, and Simon introduced on April 5 his embargo Bill banning 30 per cent of Soviet imports. It was not till July that the prison sentences on the two remaining Vickers engineers were commuted (the others had been expelled from Russia), and that trade negotiations were resumed. Maisky had handled a highly tricky situation with great tact and skill.

Maisky was fully aware of two conflicting currents in British foreign policy and did his utmost to bring about a top-level *rapprochement* between London and Moscow with the help of the "collective security" and anti-appeasement elements. Although he failed to persuade Simon to go to Moscow, after his Berlin visit, he nevertheless helped to arrange an Eden-Stalin meeting in Moscow. This took place at the end of March, 1935, in the presence of both Litvinov and Maisky.

Maisky's line then, as later, was that there were no fundamental differences of interest between Britain and the USSR, that it was their common interest to maintain peace with the help of the League.

But his task was not easy. After the Abyssinian fiasco and the Rhineland coup came the Spanish war. As the Russian representative on the non-intervention committee Maisky, increasingly exasperated, denounced its activities, on October 16, 1937, as "a complete farce". Then came the invasion of Austria, a afterwards, Munich. O of his Government., made one desperate after another to "sto sion". After the A Russia proposed, in international conferen was excluded from then, after the Germ sion of Czechoslov March, 1939, Maisky a six-power co (Britain, France, Sovie Poland, Romania, Chamberlain turned d proposal as "prematu stead, Russia was urge unilateral guarantees a and Romania similar given them by Britain.

On May 3, 1939, replaced Litvinov as Commissar; it was a c that something had the "Litvinov-Maisky might yet be given o chance—but only on who remember Maisk the summer of 19 remember the extreme with which he vie whole situation—comp. the Strange mission cow, followed by the I wood mission, which, s ran parallel with last-minute app attempts.

After the signing Soviet-German Pact beginning of the Secon War, Maisky was in a mely difficult position an unhappy and disi man.

After Molotov's visit to Berlin in N 1940, and after Eden ceeded Halifax at the Office a month later, t a slight improvement i Soviet relations; on 12, 1941, Eden, the Secretary, even lun the Soviet Embassy; something that had pened for a very long.

But it was not till man invasion of Rus Maisky came into again. Once again he highly popular figure don; but as early tember 22, 1941, already made his first Front" speech, a them not to relinquish until of his ambassadorship.

During those first m of the Russo-Germa Maisky was enormousl He signed mutual a pacts with Poland and slovakia, accompanie Eden on his visit to M December, 1941, and t leading part in negoti Anglo-Soviet alliance Molotov's visit to Lo May, 1942. In Septemb year he was awarded th of Lenin to mark th anniversary of his am ship in London.

In 1943 Maisky was to Moscow, where he one of Molotov's dep the Foreign Comm Although he was to fairly important role the next few years (no Soviet member of the ations Committee) both Litvinov began, mor more, to be treated a numbers. Both wer "Western" and too politan" to Stalin's tas it is common knowled neither was wholly i pathy with some harsher aspects of Soviet foreign policy, sonified by Stalin, Molo Vyshinsky.

But Maisky was, if as luckier than Litvinov, because he was more and discreet. If I openly criticized the Russian post-Yalta which was miles remove anything he had stood Maisky resigned himsel dull but honourable o He was elected member Academy of Sciences wrote a number of boo cluding his memoirs. In they were published by H son in the years stated. *into the Past* (1962), described his early ye London, was full of reminiscences and was followed by the se volume, *Who Helped H* in 1964 which was a spiced main course. He sion of the events of the 1938-39 and in particul the moves and motives led to the signing o Soviet-German pact, dic accord with received op in the West, and *The* review of the book set in a notable correspondent which Maisky himself jo Further volumes of re cence continued to a *Spanish Notebooks* was lished in the West in 196 a year later came *Memoi a Soviet Ambassador*. extracts from this book printed in *The Times*.

SIR SYDNEY BARRATT

Mr H. G. Edwards writes:

Sydney's love and care for his family were beyond praise. I have known many generous people, but none who equalled him in that great virtue. The story of his intimate life is an unbroken sequence of magnanimous actions, and nearly all of them unsung. Nobody in distress ever went to him in vain, but much more than that, he had the unusual insight to sense the needs of others before they were manifest, and so, always unobtrusively, he was able to give a helping hand exactly when and where it was most needed.

Like his father before him he was a born teacher. I do not use the word in its academic sense—though that happened to apply to him—but in its most noble meaning. His brilliant mind, allied to a rare sensitivity in both art and science, meant that he was always alive with excitement about the latest discovery or interest, and was longing to share it with others, a process for which he was singularly gifted. This is the hallmark of the great teacher, one who goes on opening doors into new worlds, revealing undreamt of perspectives to those slower than himself. His love of the things of the mind so distinguished him in the world of big business that he affectionately known in Lo as "The Prof".

Above all, he was a cre first as an outstanding scie —a role in which he serve country so well, but again sung, during the war—the the chemical industry wher took the lead in the dran expansion of his firm. He without equal as a creato beautiful gardens and hou first at Summerhill, then Crowe and Charmouth. But t too was no touch of possess ness. Indeed his chief del was in sharing the good thi with anyone who apprecia them.

Mr John Shaw Billings, the first managing editor of Life magazine and former editorial director of all Time Inc. publications, has died in Augusta, Georgia. He was 77.

Paddy Roberts, the songwriter who composed "Softly Softly", "The Ballad of Bethnal Green" and many other popular hits, has died at the age of 65.

Professor Robert Mertens, one of the world's leading experts on snakes, has died in Frankfurt after a bite from a poisonous African tree snake he received three weeks ago. He was 80.

Mr Herbert Leslie Gr leaves, CBE, who died on S tember 1 at the age of 78. Consul in Florence, 1945-52; Lille, 1952-55, and Cons General in Lyons, 1955-60.

Lady Ricardo, widow of Harry Ricardo, FRS, consulting engineer, died Woodside, Graffham, Sussex, Tuesday, aged 93. She Beatrice Bertha Hale and husband died last year.

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Loans to companies of Mr Stonehouse disclosed by London Capital Group

y Margaret Walers

Long overdue and heavily ualified accounts of the Lon- on Capital Group, published esterday, disclose, in detail, ne series of transactions in- olving loans to private com- anies of Mr John Stonehouse, ie group's former chairman, nd his associates or nominees the month that led up to his isappearance at the end of ast year.

In a statement to share- olders Mr J. Charlton, who etires as chairman in favour Lord Peddie, refers to a horoughgoing investigation no the group's affairs under- aken by its auditors and legal dvisers, and the decision to ublish, what he terms "these eplorable facts" in the inter- sts of salvaging some future or the bank.

The accounts, that deal with n 18-month financial year up the end of December, show hat £27,000 of the bank's 1.4m lending at that date was ed up in advances to Mr tonehouse or his interests. A urther £290,862 was lent to a number of persons, some of whom are thought to be nomi- nees for Mr Stonehouse, pos- sibly on an irregular basis.

These latter loans may be in breach of Section 54 of the Companies Act 1948 which pro- hibits companies lending on the security of their own shares. In addition, the group has pro- vided shareholders with details of all relevant loans or trans- actions involving directors' private interests, divided into five different categories of direct or indirect ownership, in view of "the scarce, con- fused and conflicting" informa- tion received by the investiga- tors about the nature of the transactions.

In over a dozen transactions, which fall into the category of indirect or supposed directors' interests, the proceeds of loans taken from the bank in the names of private individuals seen to have been transferred to private companies of Mr John Stonehouse. The complex- ity of these arrangements are such that the directors are even unable to say whether LCG is a close company. In its chairman's statement the group says that the Department of Trade, which is still investi- gating LCG has been informed of the matters that have given rise to the "suspicion of irre- gularity".

Meanwhile, some £757,614 of the group's £1.4m of advances have been written off, turning a trading profit of £67,000 into a loss of £690,634 for the year. Some £240,000 of the £290,000 advances to Mr Stonehouse and others that may be in con- travention of the Companies Act has been provided against, as has some £216,000 of the £237,000 advanced to his private companies.

The accounts also reveal that the group has defaulted on the phased repayment of the £350,000 deposit from the Crown Agents under arrange- ments made last April. The group states that sufficient pro- perties are under contract to yield funds to repay the bulk of the balance outstanding. The Crown Agents are reserving their position.

Government to ask price panel about Sandilands

By Maurice Corina
Industrial Editor

Consultations between the Government and the Price Com- mission are expected to take place before industry hears the Cabinet's main post-Sandilands report recommendations on a form of current cost accounting for company balance sheets.

Much of the commission's statutory work in vetting price rises and screening investment expenditures in line with profit controls is based on generally accepted accounting principles. Certain reliefs are given on the basis of accounts over previous years.

Any government-backed re- form of accounting methods car- ries important implications for the commission's future work, especially during a transition period when inflation account- ing would seem to justify even greater price rises than are pre- sently passed. There are funda- mental questions raised too, about future cost recovery by nationalized industry as well as the private sector.

Whether the Government will have to amend the Price Code operated by the commis- sion remains to be seen, but it is obliged to ask the commis- sion for its views before mak- ing any fundamental changes. The commission fills out the existing code with detailed rules and guidelines.

Matters that are directly in- volved by a government state- ment in the next session of Parliament include, for ex- ample, relief for low profits.

The commission rules state clearly that valuation of assets shall be determined in accord- ance with "generally accepted principles consistently applied by the enterprise concerned" but should be based on the his- toric costs of the assets (except where revalued before 1972).

Interest charges and depre- ciation, which feature in the "allowables" for cost increases in fixing prices, are required to be calculated in the same way.

In broader terms, however, the Government is faced with making a statement that will encourage companies to adopted inflation accounting, based on the guidance from the Sandi- lands Committee, while at the same time drafting that state- ment in a way which will not undermine the work of the Price Commission at a critically important stage in its life, in- cluding new work associated with the £6 pay control.

Lonrho favoured to take over VW distribution from Thomas Tilling

By Edward Townsend

Lonrho, the overseas trading conglomerate, is being strongly favoured to take over the Volkswagen (GB) car distribut- ing subsidiary of the Thomas Tilling industrial holding group.

Tilling declined to comment on the suggestion last night but said it was likely to make an announcement about reducing its investment in Volkswagen in the next few weeks. An out- right sale of the subsidiary had not been ruled out.

Lonrho is clearly in a good position to take on Volkswagen (GB) as it is involved in Volks- wagen distributive arrange- ments elsewhere in the world. Both Lonrho and Volkswagen in Germany are also major shareholders in the controver- sial Wankel rotary engine.

Tilling has been keen to lessen its interests in motors and made it known some months ago that it wanted to reduce its Volkswagen invest- ment. This followed the sale, completed in January last year, of its Mercedes-Benz United Kingdom subsidiary to Daimler- Benz of Stuttgart.

Volkswagen (GB), which has an annual turnover of about £86m, suffered a setback last year when profits slumped by £4.3m from the previous year. In 1973 Tilling merged its Volkswagen and Audi NSU concessions.

In the annual report earlier this year, Sir Geoffrey Eley, the Tilling chairman, said that dis- cussions were taking place with Volkswagenwerk in Germany which could lead to a reduction of Tilling funds invested in the British franchises.

Sales of VW and Audi vehicles have been relatively healthy in the depressed British car market so far this year. In the first seven months, VW-Audi sales totalled 26,724 against 20,428 in the same period of 1974.

Their market share rose from 2.75 per cent to 3.76 per cent, largely due to the success of the new VW Golf of which 10,800 had been sold up to August.



Sir Geoffrey Eley: talks with VW in Germany.

Late rally in shares after profit taking

Share prices suffered from profit taking yesterday on the London stock market, but man- aged a partial rally in late dealings, when buyers appeared for the new trading account which opened effectively at 5.30 pm.

The *FT* index closed a net 2 points down at 327.3. This shows no change over the two- week trading account, which has seen the market remain steady during the TUC conference, the IMF meeting in the United States, and trading statements from several major companies.

Gold shares, which took a pounding this week on the finance ministers' agreement on gold policies, remained dull.

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Another Royal Navy order for Yarrow

Yarrow (Shipbuilders) has gained a second order from the Royal Navy for a type 22 frig- ate. The vessel, which will cost between £20m and £25m, is due for completion in 1978.

It will follow on from the prototype type 22 which the company is building at its Scotstoun yard on the upper Clyde and which should be launched next summer.

Bonn budget opposed

West Germany's opposition coalition leaders have officially declared their disapproval of government budgetary propo- sals to raise the value added tax to 13 per cent from 11 per cent and to increase private contributions to unemployment insurance.

Power ownership

Ownership of the electricity supply industry in Britain should be transferred from the state to the employees, the Con- servative Selsdon Group said in evidence to the Plowden Com- mittee of Inquiry into the struc- ture of the industry.

Steel strike ends

A two-day unofficial strike by nearly 600 men at Ebbw Vale steelworks has ended. The men have gone back to work pending discussions with the management about working full eight-hour shifts.

Wool earnings down

June earnings from United Kingdom wool textile exports, at £18.2m were £2.4m lower than in May and the same amount lower than in June, 1974—a 12 per cent drop. The National Wool Textile Corpor- ation said the figures continued to reflect the worldwide re- cession in textiles.

Call for NVT rethink

A government reassessment on Norton-Villiers-Triumph was called for by Mrs Renee Short, Labour MP for North-east Wolverhampton. In a letter to Mr Michael Foot, Secretary for Employment, she said: "We cannot sit by while west Mid- lands industry disappears com- pletely".

Lucas peace moves

Fresh moves to end the dead- lock over the threat to the jobs of 170 workers employed by Lucas Aerospace will take place next week. Officials of five main unions represented at the Aero- space division works at Hemel Hempstead will meet directors of the group on Monday.

Plastics campaign

Britain's plastics industry has launched a "Buy British" campaign, with the first phase of the exercise aimed at plastics companies themselves. Mr Ron Lewis, president of the British Plastics Federation has written to the organization's member companies asking them to en- sure that where possible their equipment and plant should be bought from British suppliers.

Norway price freeze

Norway's government an- nounced a price freeze, back- dated to September 1, until December 31. Prices raised since September 1 will have to be lowered to the level on that date. The freeze covers both public and private sectors.

Washington hopes hit over jobs and prices

rom Frank Vogl
Washington, Sept 5

United States Administration opes of an improvement in the ployment situation were lished today with the publica- ion of data showing no change n August in the unemployment ate, while other data showed hat inflation continues to move ahead strongly.

The Department of Labour eported that unemployment eld in August at the rate seen n July of 8.4 per cent, or 7.8 illion people. Total employ- ent increased again for the fth straight month, rising in ugust by 275,000 to 85.4 illion, but the work force also ncreased, with an August rise f 230,000.

According to the department, holesale prices increased by .8 per cent last month, an im- rovement over the 1.2 per ent advance recorded in July, ut nevertheless a higher igure than some Administra- ion officials had expected.

Food prices accounted for ost of the July increase, ris- ng at the time by fuly 4.6 per cent and, as expected, they fell in August by 0.7 per cent. But the improvement on this front was more than offset by rises in industrial commodity prices of 0.6 per cent, after 0.4 per cent in July. The latest rises do not fully include an- nounced increases by industry in car, steel and some fuel prices, and so the September figures may well be even worse than those for last month.

The employment situation looks like improving, but at a gradual pace. The August level of 8.4 per cent unemployed compares with a rate a year ago of 5.4 per cent.

Wholesale prices have in- creased by 5.6 per cent in the past year, but the annual rate of increase from the past three months is fully 7.7 per cent.

In view of the elections next year and mounting criticism of the Administration in Congress, it would not be surprising if the Administration slightly moderated its policies to en- sure a somewhat faster decline in unemployment, although this could lead to a further rise in inflation.

Banks save Japanese textile group

Tokyo, Sept 5.—Chori the large trading company specializ- ing in textiles, has averted bankruptcy through the con- clusion of a comprehensive rescue agreement with four banks and three synthetic fibre makers, its major creditors, according to Mr Sueo Sumiya, director in charge of finance.

He said the seven firms de- cided upon the move because the Japanese textile industry would be thrown into confusion should the trading company collapse.

Chori, one of the "big three" of Japan's domestic tex- tile wholesale trade, has deal- ings with about 10,000 other companies, most of them re- latively vulnerable small and medium-sized firms.

Mr Sumiya said the rescue pact, which centres around what he described as an unpre- cedented 18-month moratorium on certain debt servicing pay- ments and on a sizable injec- tion of fresh working capital, was supported by the Bank of Japan.

The agreement had been re- ported to Japan's ministry of international trade and in- dustry.

Mr Sumiya said the seven major creditors, which were Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Fuji Bank, Sanwa Bank, Mitsui Bank- ing and Trust, Asahi Chemical Industry, Toray Industries and Teijin had agreed to postpone the collection of 6,200m yen (about £9.8m) in interest pay- ments due from Chori during the 18 months ending March, 1977, until some time after that period.

The deferred interest pay- ments were equivalent to about 24 per cent of Chori's total debt-servicing costs, which were running at about 17,000m yen on an annual basis.

The company's total debts were now about 210,000m yen, Mr Sumiya said, about 50,000m of which represented loans from the four major banks which were parties to the rescue pact.

He said the seven creditors had also agreed to make an additional 10,000m yen in credits available to Chori for working capital. The creditors, which would carry the prime interest rate, could be drawn upon until March, 1976.

Mr Sumiya, pointing out that the company's textile opera- tions were profitable in June and July after a bad fiscal first quarter, said the company expected to report a profit on an overall basis in the year ending March, 1978.

More failures: Japanese cor- porate bankruptcies, each in- volving 10m yen or more in bad debts, totalled 976 cases during August, which was up 3 per cent from July and up 4.1 per cent from a year earlier, according to Teikoku Koshinsho, a private business inquiry agency.—AP-Dow Jones.

Strike ends after Swan Hunter vote

By Ronald Kershaw

After a nine-week strike, about 5,000 workers at the Tyne- side shipyards of Swan Hunter will return to work on Monday on the same terms which started the strike.

A mass meeting yesterday decided by a vote of 1,905 to 529 to resume work. A new agreement with a ceiling in accordance with the Govern- ment's £6 a week pay limit will be negotiated in January. As this rule expires next July the strikers are hoping that further increases will be forthcoming after then.

The strike, among ancillary workers and outfitting trades, which caused a further 5,000 men to be laid off, started when a claim for parity of pay in- creases with boilermakers at the yards was rejected by the man- agement. This amounted to about £8 a week, but in the boilermakers' case was enacted before the current £6 restric- tions. The company said the parity demand would contra- vene the law.

A company spokesman said that the company's six yards would open on Monday with plenty of work on hand.

Mr Barber forecasts Leyland conflict at top

By Clifford Webb

Mr John Barber, the dis- missed managing director of British Leyland, yesterday pre- dicted that the financial holding company concept imposed on the motor group by the Ryder Committee will have to be changed within a year.

He believes it will be re- placed by "the automotive type of organization which I had planned".

In a long interview published in *The Engineer*, Mr Barber argues that the present set up will lead to serious conflict between Mr Alex Park, the group chief executive, and Mr Derek Whittaker, managing director of British Leyland Cars, which accounts for 70 per cent of BL's total sales.

This danger has already been spotlighted by the House of Commons subcommittee report on the motor industry. It said there was no organizational way of avoiding conflict between the two men, and continued: "We are of the opinion that Ryder has put too much of the onus on the compatability of per- sonalities rather than on the correctness of the structure. This is inherently dangerous."

Another former managing director of BL holds similar views. Mr George Turnbull, who resigned more than two years ago and is now building the first integrated car plant in South Korea, told Business News: "There is no way in which the chief executive of BL can avoid day to day involve- ment in the company, which accounts for three-quarters of his sales and labour force. He cannot stay aloof relying simply on paper reports."

But there was support for the Ryder report yesterday from Mr Allen Sheppard, who has just resigned as director of parts and service for BL Cars to become chief executive of Watney Mann and Truman Breweries.

He said: "The problem of the past was that we never allowed any organization to settle down and prove itself. I can assure you from first hand experience that the Ryder structure for BL Cars has already made decision making and implementation easier. My view is simple—let it have a fair chance to settle down and develop before making changes again."

At the same time it should be admitted that BL manage- ment and labour had failed in the past. He said: "This has not only lost most of our share- holders most of their invest- ment, but has put hundreds of thousands of jobs and our massive export earnings at risk.

Machine tool orders at 10-year low

Leaders of ne British achine tool industry underline e recession in manufacturing th at home and abroad with ports that order books are in eir worst state for more than years.

Mr Howard Barrett, director- neral of the Machine Tool ades Association, said yester- that member companies w had orders representing y six months' work. Redun- cies had been necessary in st sectors of the industry, l there were more to come.

His remarks followed publi- ion by the Department of ustry of its latest machine l statistics, showing that le the value of sales has n increasing, the new order ake has continued to decline.

ales in the three months to y were £76.6m against .8m in the previous quarter. w orders increased in value r the two periods to £65.7m, fell by 29 per cent com- ed with the spring of 1974. ne orders dropped by 19 cent.

Mr Barrett said that since there had been a further in value of orders and a ch greater fall in volume. one bright spot is the pect that the industry will benefit from early orders, which could total between £10m and £15m before the end of the month, from the reconstructed British Leyland.



Mr Barrett: orders for only six months' work.

The depression in machine tools is still more marked on the home rather than the export front, and the MTTA is continuing to sponsor partici- pation in overseas exhibitions and fairs.

Later this month, 18 com- panies will be featured on the British stand at the Brno Fair in Czechoslovakia, and next month the industry will be rep- resented on a mission to Hungary and at an exhibition in South Africa. There have been other trade missions this year to Poland, East Germany and Romania.

Plight of developing nations only temporarily eased by IMF pacts

From Our US Economics Correspondent
Washington, Sept 5

The widely expected confron- tation between the developing and developed nations at this year's joint annual meeting of the World Bank and the Inter- national Monetary Fund has not materialized.

Instead, according to Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the IMF, "there has been a willingness to compro- mise and a desire for coopera- tion".

Dr Witteveen stated that he has been encouraged about the chances for increased coopera- tion as a result of private dis- cussions with ministers, includ- ing those from oil-producing countries, who appear to have assured him that any new oil price rises will not be large.

It now seems clear that the agreements reached here on gold and on the establishment of a special trust fund, as well as the American suggestion of a new special facility for en- suring foreign income growth for developing countries, have sufficed to dampen the demands for more aid by the third world.

But the avoidance of confron- tation here may prove to be a temporary reprieve. The agree- ments reached still have to be developed in detail, and there are doubts on whether they can prove as helpful to the develop- ing countries as some of the ministers of the developed countries have suggested. It will take a long time to mobilize gold for use in increasing devel- opment aid, and Dr Witteveen admitted that it was improbable that any IMF gold would be sold in the next six months and that thereafter "gold sales will only be most gradual".

He also hinted that Dr Kis- singer's hope for a special facility to provide $2,500m a year of compensatory aid might be too optimistic.

The meeting tended to in- crease fears that the plight of the developing countries will become greater since the hoped- for economic recovery in the major industrial countries could occur at a much slower pace than had been expected earlier this year. Dr Witteveen sought to put pressure on the United States, West Germany and Japan, to adopt more reflation- ary policies, but the finance ministers of these three coun- tries made only a negative response.

Some international financial experts at the meeting noted today that the overall balance of payments surplus of the major industrial countries this year will probably be between $5,000m and $10,000m, against earlier estimates of between overall balance and a $1,000m surplus. The deficits of the developing non-oil producing countries could, as a result, be substantially greater than the $35,000m that the IMF predic- ted some weeks ago.

Thus, the financing prob- lems of the developing coun- tries will become more acute and many of them will have to reduce sharply their imports, so cutting their own growth prospects and further damaging the prospects of strong recovery in the industrial countries. Officials noted that against these problems the size of new aid facilities that have been discussed appear extremely small.

With the exception of The Netherlands not a single lead- ing country here gave an explic- it commitment to make a donation to the new trust fund. The impression seems fairly widespread that many of the developed countries see the creation of new aid facilities as a means of delaying their having to make increased aid commitments.

The lack of confrontation here is based on the belief of many developing countries that the new facilities will prove effective, and their recognition that at long last many of the world's richest countries are willing to contemplate real action to aid the third world.

Dr Witteveen noted in his concluding remarks to the meetings that industrial coun- tries with large balance of pay- ments surpluses (a clear refer- ence to the United States and Germany in particular) "should lead in promoting a satisfactory rate of expansion in world trade and activity".

Help urged for car fuel economy

Steps to encourage the motor industry to produce vehicles with a lower fuel consumption should be taken by the Govern- ment, the Advisory Council on Energy Conservation says in a report to Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy.

It also suggests that the encouragement of the use of bicycles is highly desirable on both social and conservation grounds. The Government should consider removing VAT from bicyles and a department should draw up a comprehen- sive report on the possibility of increasing the number of cycling paths.

Increasing the fuel economy of cars might be assisted through government financed design and development con- tracts or "by various forms of fiscal incentive". Whitehall should give the necessary encouragement and lead, parti- cularly through British Leyland.

Also, any further proposed reduction in emissions (includ- ing lead) from motor vehicles exhausts should take serious account of the increased con- sumption of petrol it would entail.

The council also investigated various proposals for changes in the petrol price structure and in relation to petrol consump- tion.

"In the present situation we are not yet persuaded that any changes would produce sufficient energy savings to out- weigh their disadvantages."

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Our Financial Staff

roposed nationalization is for the aircraft industry e described by Lord Nelson Stafford, chairman of the ers Electric Company, as adically confiscatory" at company's annual meeting ondon yesterday.

e told shareholders that the pany had given, for the first , £25,000 to the funds of the Conservative and ral parties, because the tors "so fundamentally dis- ed" with the nationalization substantial part of the busi-

EC and Vickers jointly own British Aircraft Corporation. rd Nelson said: "You are anger of losing, at a quite ulous valuation, an impor- part of your business". He ot believe that such a con- ted business could be run iently under state owner-

How the markets moved

The Times index: 138.75 +0.24
The FT index: 327.3 −2.0

Rises

Atlas Electric	53p to 45p	Imp Chem Ind	6p to 286p
Ass Port Cem	5p to 168p	Imperial Grp	3½p to 74p
BP	8p to 548p	Slater Walker	2p to 60p
Fisons	10p to 385p	Shell	4p to 344p
Furness Withy	12p to 241p	Union Plat	6p to 196p
GKN	3p to 218p	Vaux	6p to 263p
Hoover	7p to 262p	Waterval Plat	6p to 196p

Falls

Bowater Corp	8p to 158p	Morris & Blakey	2p to 30p
Courtaulds	4p to 129p	Phillips Lamp	15p to 685p
Crane Fruc	3p to 12p	Steinberg	1p to 11p
Int Hldgs	10p to 860p	UC Invest	5p to 380p
Lane P Grp	1p to 8p	Unilever	4p to 376p
Lloyds Bk	4p to 223p	Western Areas	30p to 440p
Minorco	24p to 226p	Yule Catto	2p to 30p

Equities were dull.
Gilt-edged securities had a quiet session.
Sterling was unchanged at $2.1095.
The "effective devaluation" rate was 27.5 per cent.

Gold rose 25 cents an ounce to $153.25.
SDR-$ was 1.18896 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.562449.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1157.7 (previous 1158.2).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.70	1.64
Austria Sch	39.50	37.50
Belgium Fr	85.25	82.50
Canada $	2.22	2.17
Denmark Kr	12.90	12.50
Finland Mkk	8.15	7.90
France Fr	9.50	9.20
Germany DM	5.55	5.35
Greece Dr	69.75	67.50
Hongkong $	10.85	10.45
Italy Lr	1520.00	1470.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.70	5.50
Norway Kr	11.90	11.55
Portugal Esc	56.50	54.50
S Africa Rd	1.80	1.71
Spain Pes	126.75	120.75
Sweden Kr	9.45	9.15
Switzerland Fr	5.80	5.60
US $	2.15	2.10
Yugoslavia Dnr	39.75	37.75

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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'Final' talks on Kuwait oil nationalization

British Petroleum and Gulf Oil will begin a "final" round of negotiations in Geneva on September 13-14 with the Kuwait Government over the complete nationalization of their remaining stake in the Kuwait Oil Co.

Kuwait announced in March that it was taking into state ownership the remaining 40 per cent of the company it did not already own. Negotiations on the future relationship between the companies and the govern- ment have continued intermit- tently ever since.

In Kuwait Oil Ministry sources said this would be the last round of negotiations with the companies. "Should this round fail to bring about an amicable agreement, the Kuwaiti Government will nationalize the remaining 40 per cent share of the two com- panies in KOC", he added.

Tokyo minister gives date for reflation moves

Tokyo, Sept 5.—Mr Toshio Komoto, Minister of Interna- tional Trade and Industry, told a press conference the govern- ment will announce around September 17 or 18 a new pack- age of measures to stimulate the economy.

Mr Komoto did not mention any specific measures, but Mr Takeo Fukuda, deputy Prime Minister, said earlier this week the planned measures will be drastic.

The broad outline of the pack- age will be worked out by September 12 and details by the following week, Mr Komoto said.

Financial sources in Tokyo said yesterday that the Bank of Japan is expected to cut its official discount rate later this month.

The reduction, initially expected in October, will most likely take the key lending rate to 7 per cent from its current 7.5 per cent.

ASSOCIATED LEISURE

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The Lord Jessel in his Statement circulated to Shareholders made the following points:

(Figures, which are for 44 weeks, have been adjusted to an annual basis for comparative purposes).

★Turnover, if adjusted to an annual basis, would show an increase of approximately 4% over last year. Increased efficiency and our cost control programme were effective in keeping costs below the level to which they would otherwise have been driven by severe inflationary pressures. Depreciation of amusement machines showed a substantial rise and, partly as a result, pre-tax profits fell by approximately 10.3% from the level of the preceding year. Profits after tax were equivalent to £807,000 on an annual basis.

★The final dividend of 0.92p per share makes a total for the 44 weeks of 1.97p which on an annual basis is equivalent to approximately 2.33p per share compared with 2.12p paid for the preceding year. The increase is the maximum allowed and the dividend is covered 1.4 times.

★The attention of shareholders is drawn to the great strength of our Balance Sheet. Net asset value per share is now 31.5p including good- will (29.4p last year) or 16.0p excluding goodwill (12.8p last year).

★ Inflation and Budget changes affecting the Amusement Machine Industry preclude forecasting the likely profits for 1975/76 but I can report that our current trading experience is satisfactory.

★ We plan to develop as a diversified Leisure Group based firmly on a strong and expanding amusement machine business. In pursuing this policy the Board will not lose sight of the importance of maintaining a fully liquid position to allow for the unexpected.

PERSONAL INVESTMENT AND FINANCE

Insurance

The case of theft is often not so simple

Obviously, one of the main reasons why householders take out insurance is because of the theft cover. Far more people have lost possessions through theft than as a result of fire.

But just because something is missing from its accustomed place does not necessarily mean that it has been stolen—and this is where trouble may develop with one's insurers.

The rate of premium charged for contents under a normal householder's policy is quite modest, bearing in mind that it covers not only theft, but also fire, storm, burst pipes and many other types of loss.

Much more expensive is "all risks" cover for jewelry and other valuable items. Some insurers will cover clothes and other personal effects on "all risks" terms, although, in this event, generally an excess is incorporated in the policy so as to avoid trivial claims.

The important point about "all risks" cover is that it really does cover almost any kind of loss or damage. Among the exceptions are wear and tear, general deterioration, etc. But, if something simply cannot be found (naturally, after a really thorough search has been made for it), the insurers will pay up.

It by no means follows that, in similar circumstances, a claim would be settled for theft under the basic householder's policy. Before paying a theft claim, the insurers will need to be convinced that the loss really was caused by theft.

For a start, is there evidence that a thief entered the house? If not, one is off to a poor start. Secondly, it is a condition that in the event of theft the police must be notified. Do they agree that a theft has occurred?

Of course, one may be convinced in one's own mind that something could have disappeared only by being stolen—and that view may be reinforced if one only has a householder's policy without an "all risks" extension to it.

When faced with this kind of situation, the insurers may handle a claim in whatever way they think best. For instance, somebody who has had a long claim-free spell may be given the benefit of the doubt. And, for obvious commercial reasons, the same may apply to an individual who is an important connexion in one way or another.

Even so, if the benefit of the doubt is to be given, the insurers are likely to suggest that a thorough search should be made of the house—even though the policy holder may not take kindly to such a suggestion.

On occasions, insurers are proved to have been right. A few months later, rather sheepishly, the policy holder may write to say that the item for which the claim was paid has turned up. Normally, when this kind of recovery occurs, the insurers give one the choice either of repaying the money which they paid for the claim, or of returning the recovered items—which are then sold as salvage.

In the normal course of events, insurers will not be able to realize any recovered property for anything like the figure settled as a claim. This is one of the reasons why they will be so anxious to see if an item can be found (or can be recovered by the police) before settling a claim on it. Once a claim is settled, even though the property may be recovered—unless it is of considerable sentimental value—the chances are that the insurers will be out of pocket.

What is the position if an item of jewelry is stolen by a jackdaw, or even if a stray dog makes off with an expensive joint of meat?

It is easy to think that this should be covered, on the basis that a court should interpret words in a legal contract according to everyday meaning. In practice, an insurance company is likely to disappoint. Almost certainly, it will take the view that the legal meaning of theft is as defined by the Theft Act, and add that a court gives words their legal meaning when construing the words in a policy. And so, a householder's policy does not cover theft by a bird or animal. But there would be cover for this kind of loss under an "all risks" policy.

Many household policies have certain limitations so far as theft is concerned. For instance, any claim for the theft of money, or for any theft at all if the buildings are lent, let or sub-let, may not be paid unless the theft involved forcible and violent entry to or exit from the buildings.

For a claim to qualify under this heading, there must have been more than a technical "breaking"—which could mean no more than using a duplicate key.

On the other hand, it has been established that if a thief gets in by picking the lock or forcing back the catch of a door by means of an instrument, this qualifies as forcible and violent entry as required by the policy wording.

The important point to bear in mind about this is that the violence must be connected with the actual act of entrance or exit. For instance, if the thief gets in and out without any violence, a claim will not be payable even if, for instance, the actual theft is made by forcing open a locked desk or safe.

In the past, many policies have provided cover only for the contents of the house, with the result that claims have been turned down for anything



Insurers will be keen to see if missing articles can be recovered before settling a claim on them.

which happened to be just outside the house or outbuildings. Typical examples have been clothes taken from a clothesline in the garden, or a box of laundry left outside the back door.

Naturally, this caused hard feeling among policy holders, and some claims were settled on an *ex gratia* basis. Now, some insurers are making it quite plain that this type of claim is covered, but this practice is not yet universal.

On the same principle, it is generally best to leave a bicycle in a garage or other outbuilding, rather than just outside. If it is stolen from inside the building, a claim should be covered under the policy, but not if it was outside.

In the past, some insurers have taken a tough line over this and have refused to meet claims on an *ex gratia* basis for bicycles which were in the open. Their view has been that, should they settle for that kind of claim, the next time, the bicycle might have been left in the road, just outside the house, and where would they stop? Clearly, the line has to be drawn somewhere, and so they have stuck to the policy wording. That, however, is not a universal attitude. After all, the competition in insurance applies not only to printed conditions and premium rates, but also to the settlement of claims—with some insurers generally being looked upon as being more "helpful" than others.

John Drummond

Pensions

Injustice of the generation gap

The Government's new state pension proposals completed their parliamentary course in the last days before the summer recess, with unseemly haste. Now there will be a short interlude before the inevitable regulations start to appear.

It is an appropriate moment to take stock of the position we have—in some ways by accident—now reached.

Attention has been concentrated in recent months on points of detail—understandable, of course, because whatever one's view of the scheme, it made sense to try to make the best of it. The unfortunate result is that one or two basic points of principle have been forgotten.

When Mrs Castle first introduced her scheme, she explained why it yielded strikingly better pensions than the last Conservative government's proposals: the "magic", as she called it, was the use of contributions to pay current benefits for present pensioners instead of accumulating them in a fund to pay future benefits for the contributors themselves.

What she did not explain was that this device keeps the cost down only if the higher level of benefit is restricted to people retiring after the scheme starts and particularly if it is introduced by stages over a long period.

The new scheme follows this practice. One necessary consequence is that the costs rise for many years, ultimately by something like half; the other is that existing pensioners get nothing out of it at all.

These points attracted adverse comment at the time. There is something unattractive about the idea of the present generation promising itself benefits at the expense of its children, but keeping the cost to itself down to a minimum by leaving its parents to rub along as best they can.

You may think this is all water under the bridge now: the Bill is an Act and the Conservatives, having refrained from voting against it in Parliament, have said they will not repeal it if they regain power before 1978, when it comes in force. There are two reasons, however, why this basic principle should not be forgotten.

The more immediately important is that the structure we now have could be made reasonably equitable as between successive generations by various means, the relevant one at the present time being contracting out by occupational pension schemes.

Contracting out is the facility for occupational pension schemes to take over responsibility for part of the pension under the new scheme in exchange for a reduction in national insurance contributions. Because occupational schemes are generally funded—that is, they accumulate contributions in respect of members to provide for the benefits for these same individuals—contracting out will result in a reduction in national insurance contribution income now in exchange for a reduction in national insurance benefits in the future, when the present generation of workers retire.

The effect will be to even out the inequity between this generation and the next by increasing the burden at the present time (because income is reduced, but commitments remain unchanged) and reducing it in the future.

Just now, contracting out looks decidedly unattractive because of the financial uncertainties for the employer; but as the result of a power to make regulations, introduced into the Bill at the very last moment, the Government is still able to modify the conditions to some extent. Mr O'Malley, the Secretary of State, has promised to see whether something can be devised to remove the uncertainties.

It seems, however, that the Government is looking at the problem solely from the financial point of view of the National Insurance Fund. The overriding consideration seems to be to avoid any additional expenditure in the state scheme.

If the price of avoiding gross injustice between generations by making contracting out feasible is to run the risk of a fairly minor additional cost in the state scheme in certain conditions, it will be a price well worth paying.

There is a danger that the rules may remain unchanged and that contracting out will be largely limited to the public sector — the Civil Service, nationalized industry and local government. The numbers contracted out may well still be large—perhaps four million people—and we may be tempted to feel that all is well.

If this situation should arise, it will be important to remember that a significant part of the public sector, notably the Civil Service, does not follow the principle of funding commonplace among most occupational schemes.

For these schemes finances are run on the basis that current income is applied to pay current benefits, just on the same lines as under the new state scheme. Contracting out schemes of this sort will not make any contribution towards redressing the injustice between generations.

This fact may escape notice for many years. It will become obvious when contribution rates go on rising, although the level of benefits remains unchanged and the proportion of pensioners in the population starts to fall again.

Our children are going to ask themselves why they are paying all this extra money. How sympathetic will they be towards their retired fathers when they realize that it is because we promised ourselves benefits at their expense—benefits not [illegible] to afford

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How gilt-edged is the tee? If times are hard, it will not be difficult a distinction between tions which are repay debts incurred for a c tion—on which it mu be unthinkable that an government should and payment of debts himself by the credito consideration.

Mrs Castle and Mr hoped to go down in the people who esta state scheme which p long-term basis for security in retiremen corporated a partners healthy occupational movement. They once likely to achieve this. now in danger of membered as the arc a state scheme whi only until it yielded s benefits, and which kil pational schemes.

Eric E

Putting boardroom snoopers off the scent

A month ago there was a news item about a reporter who exposed details of the contents of five plastic bags of household rubbish from Dr Kissinger's Washington residence. Muckraking journalism, I suppose you'd call it, and though it did list such choice items as the number of empty Bourbon bottles and old bubblegum wrappers, little was revealed that would have been of much use to a foreign agent or potential assassin.

On the other hand anybody's rubbish gives some kind of a clue as to the innermost character of the person who threw it away, which could be of strategic value to an enemy. Psychological examination of the doodles on discarded papers in a leading industrialist's waste paper basket would probably tell more to a charlady industrial spy than the content of the papers themselves. But the businessman reveals more of his character by the state of his briefcase than by anything else, and it is here that the psychological espionage units of hostile foreign countries or competitors could reap their richest harvests.

Take my own briefcase for example. The trained observer would notice that I was both superstitious and sentimental. The left hand section of the case contains, among other things, a number of items to ward off evil spirits, chief of which are a curiously shaped stone, and three assorted children's milk teeth which the Magic Tooth Fairy has at one time or another subscribed to at the customary rate of 5p.



"The doodles would probably tell more to a charlady industrial spy . . ."

The second obvious characteristic is that I like to be ready for any eventuality, or putting it more realistically, I get in a panic if I don't think I am going to be ready for any eventuality. This is why I carry large numbers of paper clips and rubber bands, spare cartridges for my pen, batteries for my tape recorder, and a midget stapler from Red China, ominously enough. This has never let me down but was never of greater use than when I was stuck in a Manchester hotel room in which the curtains absolutely refused to close properly until I had stapled them irrevocably together with it.

I am also obviously organized about financial matters, established by the fact that in the right hand side of the case there is a small woollen pocket-book cover made for me by my son John in his handiwork class when he was six. This contains bills and has two sides to it, one for those creditors who have been lucky in the current month's draw, and the other for the rest who have to be pushed forward for another 30 days.

Then there is a group of articles which I use to impress clients, by absentmindedly taking them out and putting them on their desks when I am ostensibly looking for something else. These include odd newspaper cuttings about Algerian athletics and the new theory of magnetism, envelopes with the House of Lords crest on the back, ticket stubs to theatres York, a copy of *The I* Machiavelli and an aut picture of King Farou

Work itself is of cou carried in the briefca discerning man. To d spy network to which referred, what should ried is artificial work photo-copies of genuin and reports, but annot totally misleading c like, "Have you asked for confirmation?" equals this estimate pl cent", and so forth.

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Francis Kins

Capital transfer tax

When the day of reckoning comes

A few weeks ago I discussed the rules which pinpoint the person responsible for settling the capital transfer tax bill when a gift is made. It is equally important to know when that person has to pay up, because interest starts to run if the tax is not paid on the due date.

The rate of interest so far as lifetime gifts are concerned is 9 per cent. The interest is not tax deductible so for the individual paying income tax at the basic rate of 35 per cent, 9 per cent net is equivalent to gross interest of 13.85 per cent.

For those who have a tax rate of 38 per cent the gross equivalent moves up to 14.50 per cent and it progressively gets higher until, at the extreme end of the scale, the 98 per cent taxpayer is effectively paying a mind-boggling gross interest of 450 per cent. Clearly, whether one's income is high or low, the Inland Revenue is not the cheapest of money lenders.

Because the capital transfer tax became law only some six months ago (although, of course, it was made retrospective to March 26, 1974) there is a breathing space for both the submission of the CTT returns and payment of the tax. No action is required before next week—September 13 to be precise.

Otherwise, the rule for lifetime gifts is that the tax is payable six months after the end of the month in which the gift took place. But if the gift was made after April 5 and before October 1 in any year there is a little more time, the tax becoming due on the following April 30.

Readers who have been following this series may recall an earlier article in which I talked about the capital transfer tax returns, the law requiring that a form be sent to the Inland Revenue within 12 months of the month in which a gift is made. There is a strange inconsistency between this deadline and the date on which the tax is payable.

In most cases the tax will fall due for payment *before* the form has to be sent in. And it follows that interest will also start to run before the form has to be submitted.

This could result in particular hardship where the valuation of shares in a family company is concerned—negotiations with the Inland Revenue are often protracted and interest could become payable because of the unavoidable delay in quantifying the liability.

On a death the deceased's personal representatives must submit a CTT form within 12 months of the end of the month in which the death occurs. Again we have the inconsistency that the tax falls due for payment six months after death and interest starts to run from that date, but in this case at the rate of 6 per cent (not allowable for tax) instead of the 9 per cent for lifetime gifts.

The personal representatives cannot obtain probate until they have both sent in the return and paid the tax.

There are two scales of CTT rates, the lower one applying to lifetime gifts and the higher one applying not only to property passing on death, but also to gifts made within three years of death. In this latter case, as the tax will originally have been calculated at the lower rates there will be an additional liability.

This extra tax bill will fall on the donee, so recipients of large gifts beware! The due date for payment is six months after the end of the month in which the death occurs and, if there is any delay, interest at 6 per cent starts to run from that date.

It is interesting to note that where tax and interest has been *overpaid* to the Inland Revenue (this could happen because values have been overestimated or, on death, a liability has been omitted from the original return) the repayment will carry interest from the date on which the payment was made *at the same rate* as any outstanding tax would have attracted (that is, 9 per cent on lifetime gifts, 6 per cent on death). Just as interest paid is not tax deductible so interest received will be non-taxable.

The donor of a lifetime gift has to pay the tax in one lump sum and is not allowed to spread the payment (unless the gift comprises woodlands). However, if the donee bears the tax, he or she can elect to pay it by equal instalments spread over eight years provided the gift falls into one of the specified categories.

The type of assets concerned are, very broadly, land, a controlling interest in a company, certain unquoted shares and securities, and businesses. Personal representatives are also allowed to pay the tax on these special types of property by instalments.

Payment can be made by eight equal yearly instalments or 16 equal half-yearly instalments. Interest is added to each unpaid portion and is payable with the next instalment.

There is an exception where businesses and certain shareholdings are concerned. Here, to encourage the owner to make a gift of such property during his lifetime, no interest is charged on each instalment provided it is paid at the appropriate time. If the land, shares, securities or business are sold before the end of the eight years the whole of the outstanding tax (and any accrued interest) becomes payable.

For lifetime transfers the right to elect to pay tax by instalments instead of having to settle in one lump sum is a particularly important facility, especially so far as the transfer of a business is concerned, the instalments being interest free. The donee of course must find the tax, but this has the additional advantage that the tax will be charged on the value of the asset without any grossing up.

If the donor pays the tax, not only is he denied the facility of paying by instalments but the value of the gift has to be grossed up at the donor's top CTT rates.

Vera Di Palma

Fixed interest investment

To those having little shall more be given



Sir Athelstan Cabe, ch of the Trustee Savings Association: the TSBs offering the small invest chance to buy gilts—alon advice over choice.

You couldn't exactly say that United Kingdom interest rates have been sliding over recent weeks. But certainly they are less firm than they were, with the coupon on local authority yearling bonds, for example, coming back from 11½ to 11¼ per cent last week. And money market rates generally were weaker on Friday.

Rates in Europe are definitely on the way down, with the French announcing a cut in their bank rate from 9½ to 8 per cent as part of a reflationary package whose details were spelt out last week. But that is not going to have much of a direct effect upon developments in the United Kingdom.

For the trend of United Kingdom interest rates depends, to a large extent upon the investment predilections of the oil producers. And they are not noted for putting their money into Europe. The choice still lies between London and New York—and there are still doubts enough about the timing of United States reflation to have United Kingdom rates hovering in competitive sympathy.

In the short term they may harden, for there are big oil payments coming up in a little over a month's time. And, in any case, the Bank of England is unlikely long to continue to support the pound out of reserves to the extent that it did last month.

But over the medium term there seems likely to be a fall, particularly if continued moderation on the part of the trade unions permits a measure of success for the Government's anti-inflation policy.

So it might be as well for anyone who wants to secure himself the benefits of good interest rates and who is prepared to put his money away for a term of years to act now rather than risk missing the term. Certainly anyone with £500 to put away for a year should get on to Leicester City straight away, for the 11¼ per cent which the local authority is offering is better than anything being offered in the money markets for much larger sums.

On a similar sum Bristol and Reading both offer 12¼ per cent on a two-year investment, while Liverpool is offering the same on a five to seven year term. But this is fairly unattractive unless you are prepared to take so long a view on interest rates.

The £1,000 investor should look to the yearling market for the short term, but can obtain 12¼ per cent from Bolton or Dacorum on a three-year term, while anyone with £5,000 will find that Islington is offering 13 per cent for five to seven years.

These rates are attractive, even as against those offered to much larger investors in the money markets or on instruments such as Treasury or Commercial bills, or sterling certificates of deposit. These latter, however, being negotiable, require much less in the way of commitment, so that investors with a fair amount of money to deploy can both enjoy good rates and keep their options open.

Treasury bills, in particular, are now being issued in such quantities that the yield has risen to a point at which it compares well—given the impeccable security—with that on commercial bills or sterling certificates of deposit. Demand for loans from the private sector is now so low that the two latter instruments are being issued in fairly small numbers; and the balance of supply and demand—and the yield relative to Treasury bills—is in consequence abnormal.

It is possible to obtain Treasury bills in denominations of £5,000, whereas money market rates on deposits through the clearing banks or money brokers come into operation only on sums upwards of £10,000.

Although, however, the rate on Treasury bills on issue—at just under 10¼ per cent on Friday—compares not unfavourably with that obtainable on £10,000 upwards in the inter-bank market, anyone investing a mere £5,000 in this form of security is unlikely to obtain a rate of much over 10 per cent once his clearing bank has settled handling charges with the discount broker from whom it is bought. So yearling bonds look a much better bet for anyone wanting to deploy that sort of money and retain some flexibility.

Just how much even the very large investor does have to pay to keep his options open becomes plain from the rates being quoted by one money broker yesterday, on sterling certificates of deposit upwards of £250,000 three-month "CD" he was ing 10⅜ per cent, on 10¼ per cent and on two 11⅛ per cent.

What this reflects is slackness of demand for outside the public sector would in a free market ri plunging interest rates: has not had this effect consequence of the G ment's determination to s sterling. Nevertheless, the shows: for once, to those have much, more is *not* given.

When it comes to marke fixed interest securities advice is still to keep clea

There is something c technical position in the h where prices have fir enough recently to make "rap" stock—the stock b issued by the Governm broker as a means both of fi cing government defi regulating the behaviour of gilts market—fairly attrac again, so that any new bo going into the market is li to end up purchasing this s rather than pushing up pr elsewhere.

Meanwhile, the shorts still nervous, with all eyes developments in the Un States. I think you may be t to buy more cheaply if defer purchases for a while; any rate you are not likely lose much.

However, investors temp to buy gilts through National Stock Register, wh activities I described a fortni ago, might like to know t this facility is available throu the Trustee Savings Banks well as through the Post Offi And, according to the TSB ma ager who informed me of t fact, help is available with t selection of the right stock, a the right form will be provide

Adrienne Gleeso

Unit trust performance

UNIT TRUSTS: Growth and specialist funds (progress this year and the past three years). Unitholder index: 1,519.1; rise from January 1, 1975: 51.2%.
Average change offer to bid, net income included, over past 12 months: +26.1%; over 3 years: −28.7%.
Statistics supplied by Money Management and Unitholder, 30 Finsbury Square, London, EC2.

Growth	A	B
Confederation Growth	63.4	−12.2
Drayton Growth	61.1	−3.9
Unicorn Prof M	52.8	—
S & P Ebor Sel Gro F	50.0	−26.9
National West Cap	49.2	−22.8
Abbey Capital	46.0	—
Drayton Capital	45.6	−18.4
Pearl Growth	44.3	−43.1
Hambros Recovery	43.9	−26.1
Crescent Growth	43.6	−56.8
Schroder Capital F	42.0	−39.1
Stratton F	41.9	−15.4
Unicorn Growth	40.4	−37.4
Morgan Gren Insur	39.2	−22.9
S & P Capital	39.1	−34.8
Vanguard Growth	38.8	−41.3
S & P Ebor Capital	36.9	−39.5
Morgan Gren Capital	35.8	−27.7
Reliance Opportunity	35.0	−18.3
Tyndall Natc Cap F	34.3	−43.7
First National Gro	32.9	−33.7
Oceanic Recovery	32.0	−32.7
Hambro Accumulator	30.8	−39.8
British Life Capital	30.6	−28.7
Oceanic Performance	30.6	−30.0
Royal Trust Cap	30.0	—
S & P Scotgrowth	29.7	−35.5
Target Eagle	29.0	−37.1
Slater Walker Prof	28.1	−35.4
Grace M	28.0	—
Stockholders F	27.8	−30.5
S & P Scotfunds	27.4	−17.6
Unicorn Recovery	25.7	−30.3
Slater Walker Cap	25.2	−7.5
Abacus Growth	25.1	−36.8
Hambro Smaller Sec	24.8	—
Hambro Smaller Cos	23.8	−46.5
Special Situations	23.6	−38.2
M & G Compound	22.3	−19.9
Key Capital	20.1	−43.8
G.T. Capital	19.9	−38.3
M & G Conv Growth	19.8	−31.0
Bridge Talisman Cap	18.6	−45.2
Target Growth	17.7	−44.4
National Shield	17.5	−21.0
Jascot Compound	16.4	−33.2
Oceanic Progressive	16.1	−44.7
Target Claymore F	14.9	−31.6
Slater Walker Status	13.2	—
M & G Recovery	12.6	−21.2
Henderson Pers Pflio	12.0	−10.9
Brandts Capital	8.4	−30.3
New Court Smal Cos	4.9	—
M & G Special	4.3	−37.2
M & G Maximum	3.4	−19.9
Henderson Capital	3.4	−24.1
New Court Equity	1.6	−36.5
Trident Performance	0.0	−47.9
Portfolio Capital	−14.5	−67.0
Coyne Growth	−17.8	−56.2

SPECIALIST	A	B
Target Investment	68.5	−19.8
Hill Samuel Fin	65.1	−8.6
Security Select F	62.5	—
M & G American	51.2	—
Practical	49.8	−25.2
S & P Ebor Energy	49.5	—
Unicorn Financial	49.1	−30.0
National West Finan	48.9	−23.3
Abbey Investment	46.7	—
Henderson Far East	45.8	—
S & P Japan Growth	44.6	23.6
Grantchester	44.6	—
S & P ITU	42.6	−35.1
Charterhouse Fit	41.7	—
Charterhouse Inter	41.1	−37.3
M & G Investment	39.4	−32.3
Jascot Commodity	38.1	2.3
Oceanic Investment	38.0	−39.7
S & P Ebor Financial	37.3	−40.1
G. T. Japan & Gen	36.7	—
S & P Financial	36.7	−30.0
National Investment	36.4	−38.8
Crescent Inter	35.6	−28.5
S & P US Growth	33.8	−30.7
Hill Samuel Dollar	33.3	16.0
S & P Ebor Property	33.2	−33.9
London Wall Int	33.0	−22.3
Target Financial	33.0	−35.3
Drayton International	32.3	−1.0
Charterhouse Europ	31.8	3.1
Target International	31.6	—
Allied Hambro Int	30.8	—
National Universal	30.5	−26.0
Jascot Fin & Prop	29.1	−41.6
Slater Walker Far E	28.5	−13.7
Slater Walker Assets	28.3	−12.1
S & P Ebor Universal	27.9	−12.2
Hill Samuel Int	27.8	−3.9
Financial Priority	26.9	−40.9
S & P European	26.6	6.9
Securities of America	26.5	−16.6
Henderson European	26.3	−31.4
Oceanic Financial	25.9	−31.5
Metals Minerals	25.4	−3.0
Slater Brit Investment	25.2	−34.6
S & P Ebor Commdty	24.5	11.4
Unicorn Worldwide	24.4	—
M & G Australasian	23.9	—
Lawson Gilt	23.0	—
Stewart American	22.7	—
GT US & General	22.2	—
Bishopsgate Int F	21.4	−29.9
S & P Scotbits	21.0	−45.1
National Gas	19.0	−32.9
M & G Japan	17.9	0.0
Slater Brit Commodity	15.4	0.0
Unicorn America	14.5	—
Natbifs	14.5	−30.6
Slater Brit Global	14.2	−22.0
Jascot Capital	12.9	−49.7
Jascot Preference	12.8	—
Jascot North Sea	12.1	—
Henderson Internat	11.6	−19.1
Trident Inter	11.1	−26.0
Drayton Commodity	8.8	34.7
Slater Brit G of L	8.6	−49.2
Abacus Eastern & Int	7.8	—
M & G Far Eastern	7.8	—
Target Preference	6.8	−71.4
Trident American	6.6	—
Unicorn Australia	5.9	−21.9
Henderson N American	5.7	—
Slater Walker Fin	5.6	−9.6
Jascot International	4.4	−35.1
Ro-san International	3.6	—
Henderson Nat Res	3.1	−30.7
M & G European	2.9	−16.4
New Court Int	2.8	—
Slater Brit Plantation	2.7	−10.6
Oceanic Overseas	2.6	−31.2
Lawson American	1.6	−47.9
Gartmore Overseas	0.0	—
Slater Walker N Am	−0.3	—
London & Brussels	−0.4	—
National Nat Res	−2.5	−18.5
J. L. Int Consumer	−2.8	−32.4
Bridge Talisman In	−7.0	−48.4
Henderson Australian	−7.3	−30.7
Slater Brit Property	−8.0	−54.5
Slater Brit New Iss	−10.8	−61.3
Jordan Foreign M	−11.7	—
Schroder Europe M	−12.2	−19.6
Henderson Finan	−14.5	−42.7
Gt Winch Over M	−24.4	—
Slater Brit Gold	−27.0	−14.5
Jascot Australian	−27.7	—
Slater Walker Mins	−39.9	—

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Investor's week

Market still firm • ICI riding the recession

The mood of the equity market remained optimistic last week, though there was little to show for it in terms of share prices. Last night's market indices were hardly changed either on the week or on the account period.

But the market has successfully negotiated such potential minefields as the TUC and IMF conferences and interim statements from ICI and BP.

Some buyers appeared as trading moved into new time yesterday. With the gilt-edged market looking firm again, equities are looking more buoyant than a few weeks ago.

Turnover has been looking up this week. Daily marks of just over 5,000 are not exciting by all market standards but show improvement over the levels of a fortnight ago. Daily money totals in equities are creeping back above the £60m last recorded—fleetingly—at the beginning of July.

The market is always short of stock these days, and rising turnover can have startling effects on share prices.

As far as the Sandilands Report on Inflation accounting was—it was published on Thursday—any implications for the stock market will be in the long rather than the short term. The report has still to be considered by the Government and implementation would not come before 1978 at the earliest.

Second quarter results from ICI, which were published last week, have demonstrated just how effectively the lessons of the previous chemicals slump have been learnt.

Sales were barely maintained in value terms and margins were half what they had been a year ago, but they were double those seen at the bottom of the previous recession. For this time there has been little of the price-cutting which characterized the downturn last time round and which left the British companies, at least, hamstrung when price controls were imposed before they had adequately recovered their positions. This time it has been production which has been cut.

Even so, ICI itself has been maintaining its capital spending with a view to benefiting from the next upturn and from the shortages of capacity which are all but certain to develop in consequence of other companies' cutbacks—for example, the axing of proposed new petrochemical capacity announced by BP during the week.

So far there are few signs of that boom developing, with only some improvement in demand and prices for man-made fibres in the United States to indicate an upturn in the cycle. In Europe it looks as if the worst is yet to come—although the problems now are as much a matter of rising costs as of falling demand.



Mr Rowland Wright, chairman of ICI.

Gold—not much short-term lustre

Krugerrand disappoints

Gold always arouses enthusiastic interest and it certainly did this week, even though the background to the hectic activity in the price and the ups and downs of gold mining shares took place in the less than exciting confines of the International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington.

Briefly the aim is to "demonetarize" gold, and with that in mind the 150 million ounces of gold held by the IMF are to be gradually disposed of. The plan is that initially 100 million ounces will be sold (the timing and the sales method are yet to be decided) and a further 25 million ounces returned to member countries pro rata to their original subscription of gold to the IMF.

The outstanding balance of 25 million ounces is to be sold for the ultimate benefit of the poorest countries.

It is the last disposal which perhaps gives the key to what is likely to happen on the gold scene. It must be taken as a given fact that this holding—if it is to provide the useful social function envisaged for it—must be sold at a realistic price.

American indications are that a profit of at least $100 an ounce, indicating a price of $135 an ounce at least, compared with the official gold price of $42.22 an ounce and the free market price of $153 an ounce, is expected.

Apart from this there is the view that certain central bankers in particular are unwilling to see the free market price of gold fall too far. If the price is depressed too heavily it will tend to hinder the use of gold reserves as a tool in helping countries to fulfil their international debt obligations—either as collateral for loans or even subsequent settlement of loans.

Also, the South African and Soviet authorities will have a vested interest in regulating the amount of the "new" gold coming on to the market in order to keep the market both orderly and profitable.

So, although the market reacted adversely, the case is for basic stability, with a long-term upward movement in the market price. After years of being pegged at a artificially low level—the old official price for gold of $35 an ounce was abandoned only in 1968—there is still a degree of "catching up" to take place.

In the short-term, however, there are less optimistic signs for investors. Gold-mining shares took a chill earlier this week after the sharp falls in the price of gold earlier this week.

While this uncertainty continues it will not favour the high-cost, or marginal, gold producers, of whom much was made when the gold price was soaring up near $200 an ounce earlier. Without a speculative price prop, the low-cost mines look more rewarding.

And what about those old favourites — Krugerrands? These have been a disappointing investment for private investors since the spring.

The Chancellor's measures did help to create a flurry in the price of domestic Krugerrands—the pool of coins, perhaps two million in all, which were in the country before the new import restrictions were introduced. For a while a premium—as much as 20 per cent at first—developed. But there are still many investors who bought the coins at prices as high as £99, compared with the present price of £74-75, who are waiting anxiously to take a profit.

At present there is more activity in Krugerrands overseas than in the United Kingdom—so much so that some dealers are reported to have been exporting Krugerrands to Europe, particularly to Switzerland and West Germany.

This situation was highlighted in Thursday's price. It passed unnoticed, but for the first time since the Chancellor introduced his restrictions the price of domestic Krugers, far from standing at a premium to the "international" coin, was quoted at a lower price. Not a very encouraging sign.

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Motor insurance

Pricing the new schemes

With around 13,500,000 cars on the roads, there are plenty of insurers and brokers who want to handle more motor insurance. There is, therefore, a fairly steady stream of new schemes of one kind or another.

These really come into two different categories. First, there are those where the whole basis of rating is different from that used by most insurers. Secondly, there are schemes designed to cut administrative costs, with provision for monthly premiums.

But, when all is said and done, the overall cost may be much the same as for a conventional policy.

The first type of scheme can be the insurers on the sport. Normally, the objective is to introduce a simpler basis than the common arrangement of calculating the premium according to the type of car, where it is garaged, how it is used, and so on—with refinements which take into account the age and occupation of the driver of the car.

Such a "simplified" scheme may offer a motorist a lower premium than would be charged under the conventional system, but will accept it; but not if it is more expensive for him. On a like-for-like basis, the insurers with the "simplified" scheme will be asking on business at lower rates than the established market considers are justified in the light of its increasingly sophisticated statistical analysis that can spell trouble—as has been seen in the past.

The second type of scheme does not introduce some simplification, such as the abolition of the no-claim discount, and a reduction in the number of different groups of cars and geographical areas of the country for rating purposes. These simplifications are not very serious if the scheme is trying to attract drivers with proven good records. A motorist may not be acceptable under this type of scheme unless he has a specified number of consecutive claim-free years of driving behind him.

The point to watch with any scheme which eliminates a no-claim discount is that there is a "price" to pay for the fact that a minor claim will not result in an automatic increase in the premium.

Almost invariably, a policy provided for good drivers which does not have the usual ups and downs of the no-claim discount will have an automatic excess written into it. This has to be taken into account when comparing the premium since, with a conventional policy, a discount can be earned for the acceptance of a voluntary excess.

In practice, where there is a no-claim discount at stake, there is often little point in making a claim for a comparatively modest amount—in view of the loss of discount which will result at renewal.

With an increasing number of schemes, the compulsory excess which is applied depends on who is at the wheel of the car at the time of an accident. Sometimes, the type of car, also, affects the excess to be applied. With one scheme underwritten at Lloyd's, there is a basic excess of £20 (since the policy does not incorporate a no-claim discount) and for any driver under the age of 25 this is increased by £25-£75, dependent on the age of the driver, whether a full driving licence has been held for a full year, and the type of car.

Normally, an annual premium is paid in advance, although a number of companies offer facilities whereby the premium can be paid by instalments—for up to a year. In some cases, these instalment arrangements are made with a finance house, or with a credit-card company. Naturally, in this case, the cost is quite high.

One of the cheapest schemes for spreading the cost of an annual premium over a whole year is operated by the Provincial Insurance Company. A service charge of 5 per cent is levied on the annual premium. Bearing in mind that level repayments are made throughout the term of the policy, this is equivalent to a "true" rate of interest of about 9 per cent.

Some companies issue policies for shorter periods than a year. For many people, a four-monthly insurance policy is popular, especially if they only licence the car for four months at a time.

Where a policy is issued for less than the conventional period of a year, the company is at a disadvantage since it does not have the use of the money for such a long period before it has to be paid out in claims. But there are plenty of advantages. First, increases in premium rates can be introduced much more quickly. After all, once an annual premium has been paid, whatever effect inflation may have on repair costs, etc, the premium cannot be increased while the policy is in force.

Secondly, if a motorist runs into trouble of one kind or another, his own premium can be increased more quickly. This concept of eliminating the time-lag before premiums can be increased has been carried a stage farther by Shipton Insurance Services with a policy underwritten at Lloyd's. The premium can be increased automatically each month in line with the average earnings index, which is produced each month by the Department of Employment.

Here, there is no means of knowing more than a month in advance how much the premium will be. Instead of the more usual arrangement of companies announcing arbitrary premium increases from time to time, which then apply to one's next annual premium, the index-linked premium is collected each month from one's bank account.

The brokers are obliged to tell clients each time the premium is increased, whereupon one can opt out of the insurance for the future, by returning the certificate of insurance.

If things are going the wrong way for underwriters, they can give seven days' notice to cancel the contract. In normal circumstances, presumably they would give longer notice than that, and would offer alternative terms.

In practice, it is unlikely that this type of scheme will be markedly cheaper (or more expensive) than other forms of motor insurance. After all, the interested underwriters (who also write "traditional" annual premium motor business) will have the same claims to pay, and will need the same money to meet them. If the index-linking should make the insurance much more expensive than conventional insurance, there will be a loss of business (since a motorist can opt out at any time and does not have to wait until the end of a 12-month period). Clearly, in that situation; so as to retain business, there would have to be some downward adjustment in rates, even though it might be only temporary.

At present, therefore, it is unlikely that one scheme is going to be much better than others for a large number of motorists. One scheme may be best for one motorist, and another for somebody else. It may be worth finding out at renewal if another insurer is offering better value for money; but no insurer, overall, can afford to be much cheaper than others.

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Stock markets

Share prices dip but dealers optimistic for new account

A brief flurry of buying for "new time" helped the equity market to round off the two week trading account in an optimistic mood. But, for much of the day trading was at a low level and share prices were clipped by the profit takers. Gold shares turned easier again.

In quiet trading, long-dated stocks managed gains of ¼ or ½ point. However, dealers said that the market still basically lacked conviction. Short-dated stocks softened 1/16 or an ⅛ point initially on disappointment at the trend in United States money supply figures, but these losses were recovered when it became clear yesterday afternoon that American prime rates would not be raised this week.

There had been some speculation that the First National City Bank would increase its prime rate. There was also a slight easing in the average Treasury bill rate at yesterday's tender, which was a marginally helpful factor.

Turnover in equities remained light, although marked bargains managed to crawl above the 5,000 mark once more. Shares opened firmly, with both BP and ICI finding further support. But trading soon died away, and profit takers had taken 2.5 points off the FT index by 3.30 pm.

Strong speculative buying for the new account moved shares in Furness Withy up to 241p. The punters hope for an early move probably from Euro-Canadian Holdings.

But then, with the market firmly in the new account period, the picture brightened. The effect on share prices was muted, and the index closed at 327.3—still a net 2 points down. The mood, however, seemed noticeably better, with market men talking of a good opening on Monday. Next week is a quiet one for the company news list and the market is happy to have surmounted the ICI and BP interims.

Shares in ICI climbed to 287p initially, later dipping to 286p and finishing at 286p, a net 6p higher. Turnover was quite good and the market seemed happy with its original response to the quarterly figures—although comments from both the press and some leading stockbrokers may have damped down further enthusiasm.

Yesterday's major reporter was Bowater Corporation which presented the market with mildly disappointing interim profits. The shares, standing at 166p ahead of the news, fell to 157p, to close at 158p a net 8p down. Turnover was light, however, and fellow paper maker Reed International hardly stirred at 230p.

The other major stocks drifted lower during the day but managed small rallies in the closing hour of trading. Bats were at 302p after 305p in the first hour.

Other major stocks quickly lost their early gains, drifted down during the day, and steadied in the final hour of trading. There was good turnover in Bats, which touched 307p, before closing at 302p, a net 1p down. A rise of 3½p in Imps at 74p indicated further switching, a move recommended by some investment sources.

Fisons (385p) and Glaxo Holdings (385p) benefited from their trading similarities with ICI but failed to attract much business. Shares in Distillers, which have had an active week, slipped to 109p, again responding to the stockbroker suggestion that the shares be left alone until the year end, when the results are due.

On the engineering pitch, shares in Babcock & Wilcox moved up to 118p, with the market heeding reports of good institutional buying ahead of next week's interim. GEC (127p) and GKN (218p) edged forward, BLMC held on to the level reached on Thursday's recovery phase.

Among the electricals, Decca "A" shares continued to respond to good interim profits disclosed earlier in the week, and Thorn firmed up in sympathy. But interest in both EMI (186p) and Plessey (75p) was lacking.

Building and construction shares had another good session as the market responded to the recent indications that private housebuilding at least, is reviving. AP Cement (68p) were still benefiting from the excellent trading results announced in the past fortnight. G Wimpey (120p) and BPB Industries were firm spots.

But food and consumer shares remained unsupported. This sector, already upset by falling retail sales, received a further jolt this week when a London restaurant chain collapsed. Reckitt & Colman, with trading news due next week, slipped 4p to 313p. Trust Houses Forte (98p), and Cavenham (125p) looked dull.

On the shipping pitch, there was some caution regarding half time figures from Ocean Steam, which are expected on Monday. Shares in Ocean dipped to 94p, and P & O slipped 2p to 86p.

Other features included Marshall, Cavendish, firmer at 72p with the half time figures ahead. RM Douglas advanced afresh, to close at 60p and D. Charles (35p) were wanted.

Interest in bank shares remained light with Barclays (277p) and Lloyds (223p) easier but Midland (265p) a shade firmer. Bank shares are still restrained by talk of impending rights issues, from which Midland is exempted by its recent successful offer.

Shares in BP moved forward to 548p, but buying was very thin. The response to BP's interim from inside the market has been somewhat discouraging. One major broker suggests switching into Shell. Burmah improved to 32p on the substantial contract with Poland. Gold shares ended with losses of 25p or so but saw much reduced interest.

Equity turnover on Thursday was worth £62.9m (13,248 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph were ICI, BPB new, Hanson Trust, Burmah, Bats, Lucas Inds, Reed Int, BP, Shell, Distillers.

Shares in Illingworth Morris dipped to 20p, reflecting market fears for the future of the 46 per cent stake held by Mr Isidore Ostrer who died last week.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Blackwood, Mrtn (25p) Fin	Nil.	1.75	—	Nil	1.75
Centrovincial (20p) Fin	Nil	0.68	—	Nil	1.38
E C Cases (10p) Int	0.58	0.55	18/10	—	1.2
Desoutter Bros (25p) Int	3.5	3.5	24/10	—	7.8
Dorrington Inv (10p) Fin	Nil	1.18	—	Nil	2.40
Friedland Doggart (25p) Int	0.99	0.9	17/11	—	0.9
Matthews Wright'n (20p) Int	2.62	2.57	14/11	—	7.38
Morris & Blakey (25p) Int	1.75	1.75	5/1	—	3.85
Thos Robinson (25p) Int	1.00	1.00	9/10	—	4.29
Rotork (10p) Int	0.44	0.35	7/11	—	0.82
Sc Homes Inv (25p) Fin	Nil	0.63	—	0.37	1.0
UK Property (25p) Fin	Nil	Nil	—	Nil	0.13

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax in pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Big North American interests help Bowater in first half

By Our Financial Editor

Bowater's big North American paper interests provided a substantial prop for the group in the first six months of this year.

Although overall profit was down from £27.4m to £25.8m, it would clearly have been much worse but for North America where, despite the recession, Bowater still managed to earn "by far the most significant contribution to total earnings".

The declining trend in group profits was not unexpected. As Bowater said at the time of its £22.57m rights issue in June "profits for 1975 are unlikely to be as high as those for 1974 (£59.5m)". But the big paper, packaging, commodities and building products company says that confidence in longer term prospects "remains unimpaired". As already known, Bowater is holding the interim dividend at 3.8p a share gross.

Its problems area is, of course, manufacturing in the United Kingdom. Earnings here are "well below" the levels achieved in the first half of 1974, although one adverse factor, de-stocking, appears to be coming to an end.

Commodities, where lower activity so far this year more than accounts for the fall in group sales from £582m to £532m at the interim stage, show some signs of an upturn, particularly in the Far East. Bowater looks for a general improvement in this sector in the final quarter of 1975 and meanwhile says it maintains its position as world leader in raw cotton and jute trading.

On taxation, Bowater points out that no provision has been made in interim results for advance corporation tax. There is likely to be a significant shortfall in United Kingdom income to cover 1975 profits, but, as yet it is impossible to assess the amount of ACT which will be uncovered.

M Wrightson stay cautious

Reporting a 19 per cent slump in pre-tax profits to £1.94m for the first half of this year Matthews Wrightson Holdings says it is difficult to assess what effect conflicting trends will have on the final result.

Mr J. Eldridge, chairman and managing director, says better half-year profits from the Stewart Wrightson insurance subsidiary should be maintained, but the slump in the shipping industry is proving worse than expected and the company is still bearing the costs of holding unsold rural land.

The net effect of all this is "unusually difficult" to forecast. The dividend is raised from 3.83p to 4.03p but there is no forecast of the final payment.

Brokers' views

A week which has seen the City keeping an eye on the meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the Trades Union Congress has left stockbrokers to concentrate on individual companies rather than on prospects for the market.

Williams de Broe Hill Chaplin recommends a cautious attitude towards shares in ICI, in spite of the upsurge on Thursday when the chemical giant pleased the market with second quarter profits well above expectations. Williams accepts the prospect of a recovery in ICI profits next year but warns us that there will be one and perhaps two disappointing quarters before the improvement shows through. So, says Williams, share purchases should be deferred until later in the year when "hopefully" a pronounced upturn can confidently be predicted.

The brewery sector has to some extent lagged behind the market over the past few weeks, comments Fielding Newson-Smith. Allied and Grand Metropolitan have been among the relative losers and should therefore be ripe for recovery if there is a further advance in the rest of the market. Whitbread has fared better than the rest, which Fielding considers an accurate rating.

Among the regional brewers, Fielding draws attention to Matthew Brown which has been moving up on renewed speculative buying. It suggests that Vaux is undervalued by comparison with the rest, and points out that Scottish & Newcastle seems to be faring well against the background of deepening recession in Scotland and the North-east.

Buckmaster & Moore takes a close look at Lead Industries, whose interests include lead, chemicals and paint manufacture, but whose profits come mostly from British Titan, maker of titanium dioxide pigments. Buckmaster suggests leaving the shares alone, having regard to an uncertain trading outlook ahead.

From Scotland, Bell, Lawrie Macgregor predicts that shares in House of Fraser will beat stores as a whole and recommends investors to hold their shares. It expects Fraser will maintain earnings at 8.1p a share in the year ahead.

Terry Byland

General Electric makes good start to year

News for shareholders of General Electric was maintained earnings in the first four months to end-July. In general "a reasonably good start" had been made. Lord Nelson, chairman, told the annual meeting that export orders have been relatively steady, though domestic orders have been more mixed.

He strongly attacked the State takeover proposals for the aircraft industry—"the terms proposed are practically confiscatory". Replying to a shareholder on the political contributions of £25,000 to the Conservatives and Liberals, he said this was because the directors "so fundamentally disagreed" with the nationalization plan.

Centrovincial sales

A loss before tax and development interest of £160,000, against a profit of £926,000, means there will be no dividend from Centrovincial Estates for the year to March 25. The comparable payment was 2.06p.

After development interest and tax, the net deficit stood at £452,000 (£410,000 profit). The programme of disposals amounts to £16m, and sales not shown in the last accounts should realize their balance-sheet values. Short-term borrowings at March were £15.9m, with £5.3m since repaid. A further £5.5m is to be repaid from disposal proceeds.

UK Prop loses more

There is no dividend for the year to June 30 for shareholders of United Kingdom Property. In the previous 12 months there was a single payment of 0.2p. Total income rose from £2.5m to £3m but after expenses, general interest, and interest on properties being developed the pre-tax loss rose from £102,000 to £922,000. The loss per share was up from 0.31p to 2.89p.

Dorrington tumbles

From a pre-tax profit of £554,000, Dorrington Investment tumbled to a pre-tax loss of £764,000 in the year to June 30. The main reason was a £985,000 property devaluation against nil the previous year.

There is a loss of 6.79p a share against earnings of 3.69p. No dividend is declared against a final last year of 1.18p, and a year's total of 2.40p. Chairman, Mr M. Moross, said the dividend for the year to June 30, 1976, should match the 2.40p paid out in 1974. He added the company is well placed to exploit any improvement in residential property.

Inchcape sees signs of trading uplift

Reporting pre-tax profits for 1974-75 of £28.1m, operating results of Inchcape & Co's world-wide operations are likely to be broadly sustained in 1975-76. Lord Inchcape, chairman, told the annual meeting that although profits may have reached a temporary plateau, the future is viewed "with confidence". There were signs of slowing-down in the decline in world trading conditions over the past year. Nigeria, particularly, is seen as the growth area.

Stewart Plastics peak

Having already declared an interim dividend of 2.354p for the year to April 30, this becomes the maximum for the year under the anti-inflation programme (and compared with an adjusted total of 2.09p). Turnover for the 12 months rose from £3.23m to £3.99m on which pre-tax profit was up from £1.02m to £1.1m—a best-ever outturn. The "net" moved from £471,000 to £511,000 and per-share earnings from 10.9p to 11.6p.

Friedland Doggart

Strong overseas markets will help offset tough going in the home market in the second half year, Friedland Doggart reports in its review for the first 24 weeks of the year to June 15. Pre-tax profits in this period fell slightly from £669,000 to £659,000 with the net profit down from £278,000 to £228,000. The interim dividend is 1.52p against 1.34p.

Marryat overseas

Faced with the prospect over the next two years of the worst UK trading conditions since it became a public company 25 years ago Marryat Group, the maker of lifts and escalators, is looking overseas for growth, notably in the Middle and Far East, Nigeria and Brazil. Mr O. Powley, managing director, said after the annual meeting that fixed-price contracts were now only rarely taken.

Thos Robinson falls

A dispute in May cost Thomas Robinson £250,000 in lost turnover and brought pre-tax profits down from £194,000 to £129,000 in the first half year to June 30. Turnover rose from £1.7m to £2.1m, but the board states that providing there is no serious second half results should improve and they see the full year's profits justifying the payment of last year's total dividend of 6.56p.

BMK pass dividend

Though Blackwood Morton, the BMK carpet people, returned to profits in the second-half of the year to June 30 there was still an overall pre-tax loss of £436,000, against a profit of £763,000. The company says the outlook remains uncertain against a background of sluggish demand and increasing wages. There is no dividend. The previous year's payment was 2.61p

Morris Blakey boom

The wallpaper boom meant that pre-tax profits at Morris and Blakey Wall-Papers doubled to £209,551 in the first half year to June 30. Turnover rose from £2.69m to £3.28m. Earnings a share also doubled to 3.6p, but the interim is 1.75p again.

Chairman Mr Arnold Morris said he is not prepared to forecast for the year, but he is confident that profits will exceed those of 1974.

Desoutter Bros dip

The chairman of Desoutter Brothers (Holdings), Mr R. Desoutter, said profits for the full year are unlikely to match the record figures achieved in 1973 and 1974. Rising costs and price controls would be to blame.

Pre tax profits of this pneumatic and electrical tools group slipped from £956,000 to £952,000 in the first half year to June 30. Turnover rose from £4.9m to £5.2m. The Interim dividend is 5.25p against 5.22p.

Borel's new deal

Ambitious French hotel group, Jacques Borel International, has announced consolidated net profits up 37 per cent to 6.6m francs (about £725,000) for the first half year to June 30.

The group (it recently bid for Sofitel to form France's largest luxury hotel chain), has also agreed a financial and commercial tie up with the Belgian group, Brasseries De L'Artois. This gives it two restaurants in Brussels. In return, the Belgian company buys 25,000 Borel shares.

Following the Sofitel bid, Borel will issue ordinary bonds, at par 600 francs, carrying a 10.9 per cent interest rate for the bids. This raises Borel's capital from 123m francs to 148m.

Pilkington gloom

Results in the first part of the current year have been poor, as expected shareholders of Pilkington Brothers were told at the annual meeting and there were scant indications of a significant upturn. The market outlook for the year ahead, certainly in Britain, remains unsatisfactory, though economic recovery looks likely to start in the US toward the end of 1975.

LOW AND BONAR/LOGAN

Low and Bonar has acquired whole of issued share capital of Logan Engineering. Consideration of £183,000 by issue of 105,840 50p ordinary shares of Low and Bonar.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRIAL TRUST

Pre-tax profit for year to July 31, £83,000 against £82,000 on turnover of £182,000 (£159,000). As known, dividend of 1.46p (1.38p).

GIBBONS DUDLEY

Pre-tax profits £1.45m (£737,000) in first half year to June 30 on turnover £14.83m (£12.13m): Interim dividend is 1.24p against 1.11p.

LONRHO

Group says that acceptances of offer for London, Australian and General Exploration amount to 81 per cent. Offer now unconditional and remains open.

Long term confidence in Hutchison

In a statement yesterday, Mr Guy Sayer, chairman of the Honkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, said he could not predict when Hutchison International will return to profits. But with the cooperation of the company and an improvement in the economic situation he is confident that it has good long-term prospects.

He said the bank would substantially reduce its holding in Hutchison as soon as conditions permit, as it is in nobody's interest to have a large block of shares overhanging the market. The bank will take steps to see the market in Hutchison shares is not distorted or disturbed on account of its holding.

Referring to its offer to subscribe HK$150m (about £14m) new capital in Hutchison, he made three points. First, the bank is not a willing buyer; second, its risk is large because it not only stands to lose its investment as an ordinary shareholder but by the size of its holding it is exposing itself to meeting all the company's legal obligations. These concern a company which has declared substantial losses, with additional losses likely to be accrued in the near future.

Finally, he added, the bank gave an assurance to Hutchison that if its offer was accepted it would make further advances available as required, and these will unquestionably be needed.

Manson Finance Trust

A year of continued progress

Pre-tax profits reached a record of £501,716 (1974 £454,992) and a total dividend of 3.25p per share net (1974 3.00p) is recommended.

Share Capital and Reserves have increased to £2,225,870.

The current increase in business coupled with the large facilities available enable the Board to look forward to another successful and profitable year.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, 8th September in London. Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, 155/157 Great Portland Street, London, W.1

MANSON FINANCE TRUST LIMITED

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Ashbourne's meeting supports its board

Outside shareholders in Ashbourne Investments voted overwhelmingly against a series of resolutions to overturn the board at the group's extraordinary general meeting yesterday.

In accordance with the stated wishes of the Takeover Panel, which has been embroiled in Ashbourne's affairs for about 18 months now, stock amounting to 23 per cent of the group's equity owned by a member of the bidding consortium, Mr Glazer was not voted.

Votes against the resolutions concerning directors totalled between 4.6m and 4.7m as against votes for the resolutions of a mere 7,000 or 8,000. Since the consortium members were not permitted to vote, well over 90 per cent of shares held by outside interests were voted against the resolutions.

Shares held by Topview, the mysterious company whose purchase of 12 per cent of Ashbourne's equity from Crest is still being investigated by the Panel, were also voted in line with the Panel's wishes. Requests from Mr Lionel Casper, chairman of Crest who held proxies for Mr Glazer for the appointment of independent scrutineers for the poll he also demanded were refused.

Late rally by Parker Timber

A second-half improvement of 9 per cent in pre-tax profits at Parker Timber still left the group with an overall decline of 41 per cent to £1.77m over the year to March 31.

But this is a vast improvement on the return from the first six months when profits slumped by almost two-thirds. The dividend is raised from 2.94p to 3.27p, but earnings have dwindled from 29.8p to 16.1p a share.

Opening surge by Rotork will ease

With its actuator division responding well to international demand the pre-tax profits of Rotork, a maker of valve control gear, more than trebled to £1.28m in the half year to June 30.

Turnover rose from £3.7m to £6.26m, the dividend is raised from 0.52p to 0.67p, and earnings a share from 5p to 16.7p. But Mr J. Fry, chairman, warns shareholders that this "exceptional" rate of growth will start to slow down in the second six months with profits in line with the five-year expansion programme.

EC Cases tumble

Reflecting the general economic situation, EC Cases, makers of products from softwoods, announces a big tumble in taxable profit for the half to June 30 from £262,000 to £57,000, on turnover steady at £1.87m against £1.96m.

LAND AND GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS
Somerston Shipping and Channel International Trust extending unconditional offer for Land and General to September 18. Acceptances received for 95,687 ordinary shares and 809,748 A ordinary shares.

ASSOCIATED LEISURE
Improved profit trend in last year's second-half continued in first leg of current year. Cash balances up £500,000 to £3m since end March after purchase of Midland Trading Estate for £550,000.

INVESTING IN SUCCESS
Net pre-tax revenue of Investing In Success Equities for half to July 31 jumped from £91,000 to £141,000. Net asset value per share at August 6 was 123.3p (118.5p at January 31).

RADIO RENTALS (HOLDINGS)
Pre-tax profit for year to March 31, £21.6m (£19.08m) on turnover of £99.52m (£93.18m). All equity capital is held by Thorn Electrical Industries.

SCOTTISH HOMES INVESTMENT
No final (0.63p) making 0.375p (1.0p) for year to March 31. Net profit £49,000 (£149,000) on turnover of £12.25m (£13.40m).

BRITISH VENDING INDUSTRIES
Pre-tax profit for half year to June 30, £91,000 (£186,000) on turnover of £3.68m (£3.04m). Interim 0.644p (0.585p).

BRASCAN
Consolidated net income for half year to June 30 estimated at $35.2m against $64.1m.

Bank Base Rates

Barclays Bank	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Shenley Trust	11½%
20th Century Bank	11½%
Williams & Glyn's	10%

* 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under, 6½%, up to £25,000, 7% over £25,000, 7½%.

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1974/75 High	Low	Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div (p)	Yld %	P/E
55	35	Armitage & Rhodes	35	—	3.0	8.6	3.9
96	94	Deborah Services	96	—	7.5	7.8	5.1
126	90	Henry Sykes	122	+1	4.9	4.1	8.1
61	25	Twinlock Ord	26	—	0.9	3.6	6.4
65	45	Twinlock 12% ULS	63	—	12.0	19.0	—
56	48	Unilock Holdings	57	+1	4.5	7.9	11.0

Commodities

COPPER: Wire bars finished £8 lower for cash and £8.25 lower for three months. Cathodes were featureless.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £578.5 a metric ton; three months, £600-600.50. Sales, 3,300 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £566-67; three months, £587-88. Sales, 50 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £579.50-80.00; three months, £600.50-601. Settlement, £580. Sales, 4,875 tons. Cash cathodes, £567-68; three months, £587-88. Settlement, £568. Sales, 300 tons.

SILVER: Investor interest dwindled ahead of the weekend after Thursday's fall in United States silver futures and minor recovery in gold yesterday.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 213p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 447.7); three months, 218p (456.6c); six months, 228.30p (468.7c); one-year, 240.50p (493.2c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 212.5-213p; three months, 219-19.2p; seven months, 228.2-29.2p. Sales, 35 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 213-13.5p; three months, 218-18.3p; seven months, 227.3-28.3p. Settlement, 212.5p. Sales, 61 lots.

TIN: Standard cash lost £6.50 and three months was £7.50 down.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,160-65 a metric ton; three months, £3,222-25. Sales, 145 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,160-65; three months, £3,222-25. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,155-60; three months, £3,218-20. Settlement, £3,160. Sales, 145 tons. High grade, cash, £3,155-60; three months, £3,218-20. Settlement, £3,160. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, $M1,005.75 a picul.

LEAD: Values were marginally down in a quiet and featureless market.—Afternoon.—Cash, £174-75 a metric ton; three months, £183-85. Sales, 350 tons. Morning.—Cash, £174-74.50; three months, £181.75-82.25. Settlement, £174.50. Sales, 875 tons (mainly carries).

ZINC rose marginally for both cash and three months in a steady market.—Afternoon.—Cash, £358.50 a metric ton; three months, £371.50-72. Sales, 475 tons. Morning.—Cash, £358.50-59.00; three months, £371.50-72.00. Settlement, £359. Sales, 1,600 tons. Producers' price, £360 a metric ton. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was unchanged at £75.60 ($159.50) a troy ounce.

WOOL.—Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 159-62p per kilo; Dec, 161-65p; March, 170-72.5p; May, 172-74p; July, 176-78p; Oct, 184-87p; Dec, 187-91p; March, 189-95p. Sales: nil.

RUBBER was uncertain and lost ground.—Oct, 33.75-34.00p per kilo; Nov, 33.75-34.75p; Oct-Dec, 33.30-34.25p; Jan-March, 34.00-34.30p; April-June, 35.15-35.25p; July-Sept, 36.35-36.50p; Oct-Dec, 37.80-37.85p; Jan-March, 38.90-38.95p; April-June, 39.70-39.80p. Sales: 3 lots at 18.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were easy.—Spot, 34.00-35.50. Cifs, Oct, 30.25-30.75; Nov, 31.25-31.75.

COFFEE: Robustas were quiet and featureless. Arabicas were quiet.—ROBUSTAS.—Sept, £718-21 per metric ton; Nov, £721-24; Jan, £726-27; March, £733.50-34.00; May, £738-38.50; July, £743-44; Sept, £747-47.50. Sales, 660 lots, including 43 options.

ARABICAS.—Oct, $88.10-88.70; Dec, $89.70-89.90; Feb, $90.20-90.30; April, $90.80-91.00; June, $91.30-93; Aug, $91.50-93.30; Oct, $92-94. Sales, 9 lots.

COCOA: futures were irregular and there were final on balance losses of £7 to £9.50.—Sept, £620.50-24.00 per metric ton; Dec, £573.50-74; March, £556-57; May, £560-62; July, £548-50; Sept, £548-50; Dec, £548-52. Sales: 1,604 lots including one option. ICO prices: daily 52.51c; 15-day average 51.57c; 22-day average 52.85c (US cents per lb).

SUGAR: The market was quiet and steady. London daily prices were: "raws" £178 and "whites" £195 (both unchanged).—Oct, £179.50-80.00 a long ton; Dec, £176.75-77.00; March, £173-73.50; May, £168.25-69.50; Aug, £164-66; Oct, £161-64; Dec, £160-64. Sales: 2,525 lots. ISA prices: 16.01c; 17 day average 18.09c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Oct, £85.40-85.60 per metric ton; Dec, £86.60-86.70; Feb, £87.80-87.90; April, £88.70-88.80; June, £89.80-90.00; Aug, £90.50-90.80; Oct, £90.80-91.00. Sales: 50 lots.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Imported grains experienced very dull trading conditions. Sellers generally left prices unchanged and fresh buying inquiry was very slow to develop.

WHEAT.—US Dark Northern Spring No 2 14 per cent: Sept, £102.15; Oct, £103.30; Nov, £103.85; Dec, £104.90 sellers trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Sept, £63.50; Oct, £65.30 east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Sept, £67.25; Oct, £67.30 east coast.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Sept, £60; Oct, £62.75 east coast. All a long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was barely steady.—Sept, £60.40; Nov, £63.15; Jan, £64.55; March, £65.60; May, £67.30. WHEAT was steady.—Sept, £61.80; Nov, £63.75; Jan, £65.35; March, £67.15; May, £69.00.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
Kent	£61.65	£59.30	£57.00
Lancashire	£63.00	£60.00	£58.10

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 5.—UK: Cattle £18.22 per live cwt (+0.35). Sheep 30.8p per lb E.D.C.W. (−0.7). Pigs £4.38 per S.C.L.W. (−0.09). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 14.3 per cent, average price £18.64 (+0.09). Sheep numbers down 38.1 per cent, average price 30.9p (−0.6). Pig numbers up 32.8 per cent, average price £4.38 (−0.03). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 14.5 per cent, average price £18.26 (+0.58). Sheep numbers up 173.2 per cent, average price 29.8p (+0.5). Pigs, nil.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept/Oct, £165 a long ton; "D" grade, Sept/Oct, £158. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Sept/Oct, 435 Rs per bale of 400 lbs. Dundee Daisee, Sept/Oct, Rs425.

Gold & Base Metal

The proposed dividend of 0.9p a share from Gold & Base Metal Mines has been rescinded because of conditions prevailing in Nigeria, where General Gowon was recently ousted from power. In a statement to the annual meeting yesterday, Mr N. H. Marshall, the chairman, said the ability of the company's Nigerian subsidiary to remit dividends depended on the Nigerian Mining Corporation reimbursing expenditure at Liraic.

Profit slide for Crane Fruehauf

Crane Fruehauf, the Norfolk based trailer and transport group, reports a slide into the red. In the six months to June 28 losses of £297,000 replaced pre-tax profits of £822,000 in the first half of last year. The directors say they have cut spending and stemmed the losses. They hope this will be maintained in the second half.

Liquidity has improved and the current short-term borrowings are as low as at any time during the past 18 months. In view of this, the prospect of better export business and a halt to the fall in home demand, the directors declare an interim dividend of 0.78p against 0.68p.

Ford's $C25m offer

Plans to offer $C25m guaranteed notes are announced by Ford Motor Credit (Canada), due November 1, 1980, in the Eurobond market. The notes will be unconditionally guaranteed by Ford Motor Credit Co as to payment of principal, premium if any, and interest.

Wall Street

New York, Sept 5.—Stocks on the New York stock exchange fell moderately today in a listless session. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 2.34 to 835.97.

Declining issues outdistanced gainers by about 810 to 490. Volume totalled 11,680,000 shares compared with 12,810,000 yesterday.

Brokers said many investors continued to await New York State Legislature action on New York City's financial crisis. The special legislative session recessed, thus delaying action, until Monday.

The economic news was mixed. First National City Bank of New York held its prime rate unchanged at 7¾ per cent despite rising short term rates. However, unemployment was unchanged in August from the previous month and wholesale prices continued to rise, though at a lower rate than in the previous month.

Sugar up one cent limit

New York, Sept 5.—WORLD SUGAR futures in No 11 contract closed strong with gains of as much as the one-cent limit on commission house short covering and possible trade price fixing. After the close, a local report said a London operator sold 10,000 tonnes of raw sugar to Sweden at around 15.70 cents a pound. Oct, 14.45-50c; Jan, 16.10c nominal; March, 15.68-70c; May, 15.50c; July, 15.20-38c; Sept, 15.10-20c; Oct, 15.00-35c. Spot 16.30c up 30.

COTTON.—Futures rallied from morning losses of 0.40 cent, to close about 0.20 to 0.40 cent higher. Oct, 53.05-10c; Dec, 53.60-75c; March, 53.35c; May, 53.70c; July, 54.10c bid; Oct, 54.50c bid; Dec, 54.90-55c.

SILVER.—Futures closed with gains of as much as 6.80 cent on pre-weekend short covering late in the day. Prices fluctuated in a trading range of about 8.00 cents. Sept, 450.50c; Oct, 452.50c; Nov, 456.50c; Dec, 460.80c; Jan, 464.70c; March, 473.30c; May, 481.60c; July, 489.70c; Sept, 479.90c; Dec, 509.80c; Jan, 513.90c. Handy and Harmon $451 (previous $451). Handy and Harman of Canada Can $4.645 (previous Can $4.684).

GOLD.—Futures closed 80 cents to $1.30 higher in very light trading. On the Comex, settlement prices were all 80 and 90 cents above the previous close. NY COMEX, Sept, $153.20; Oct, $133.80; Nov, $154.90; Dec, $150; Feb, $158.70; April, $161.30; June, $164; Aug, $160.70; Oct, $167.40; Dec, $172.10. CHICAGO IMM, Sept, $152.70; Dec, $156.10-156.20; March, $160; June, $164.40 bid; Sept, $168.40 bid; Dec, $173.

COPPER.—Futures closed steady between 10 and 20 points up on 1,879 lots. Sept, 56.90c; Oct, 57.10c; Nov, 57.70c; Dec, 58.40c; Jan, 59.00c; March, 60.30c; May, 61.50c; July, 62.70c; Sept, 63.90c.

COCOA.—Futures pulled through an uneventful session to close 0.60 to 1.10 cents lower. Sept, 59.55c; Dec, 52.80c; March, 49.55c; May, 48.75c; July, 48.55c; Sept, 48.20c; Dec, 47.55c. Spots, Ghana unquoted; Bahia, 60¼c.

COFFEE.—Futures in "C" contract finished a spiritless session at 0.35 cent lower to 0.65 cent higher. Sept, 80.00-0.95c; Nov, 81.30c nominal; Dec, 81.25-46c; March, 81.10-0.00c; May, 81.40c; July, 81.90-340c; Sept, 82.75c nominal.

WOOL.—Fine Wool and Crossbred futures remained unsold. Closing prices in both contracts were unchanged to 0.10 cent down. GREASE WOOL.—Spot 154.5c nominal; Oct, 154.5-64.0c; Dec, 153.5-60.0c; March, 150.0-7.0c; Oct, 148.0-56.0c; Dec, 148.0-57.5c. CROSSBRED.—Spot 85.5c nominal; Oct, 83.0-5.0c; Dec, 81.0-5.0c; March, 81.0-4.5c; May, 82.0-7.0c; July, 82.0-8.5c; Oct, 82.0-90.0c; Dec, 82.0-91.5c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS.—Oil rose 0.57 to 0.05 cents and meal gained late on speculative buying against only light offers. Meal ended as much as $1.70 up in nearbys to off 50 cents in others after early losses. SOYABEANS.—Sept, 868½-66c; Nov, 874-73c; Jan, 884-84½c; March, 895-90c; May, 600c; July, 606c; Aug, 605c. SOYABEAN MEAL.—Sept, $141.50; Oct, $141.40; Dec, $144.50-8.00; Jan, $146.50; March, $150.50. SOYABEAN OIL.—Sept, 23.40-45c; Oct, 23.10-20c; Dec, 22.75-80c; Jan, 22.60-70c; March, 22.60-55c; May, 22.50c; July, 22.50c; Aug, 22.30c. SOYBEAN MEAL (NEW).—March, $148.00-9.00; May, $155.00; July, $158.0-9.00; Aug. CHICAGO GRAINS.—WHEAT: steady 1½ higher to one lower. Sept, 318½c; Dec, 333½-4; March, 343½-35c; May, 347½c. MAIZE closed 1½ cent higher.—Sept, 303½-30c; March, 307½-30½c; July, 30[illegible]. OATS closed steady 2½ higher to 1 lower. Sept, [illegible]; March, 155-150½c; May, 155c nominal.

	Sept 5	Sept 4		Sept 5	Sept 4		Sept 5	Sept 4
Allied Chem.	34¼	34½	Ford	38¼	38½	Bethlehem	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Stores	37¼	37¾	G.A.F. Corp	10	10¼	Sim Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Supermkt	3¾	3¾	Gamble Skogmo	22	21¾	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	10	9⅞	Gen. Dynam.	42¼	41	Rey Bodds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcoa	47⅛	46½	Gen. Electric	45¾	45¾	Reynolds Met	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amax Inc	51	52¾	Gen Foods	24¾	25¼	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	18⅝	18⅝	Gen. Instr.	10	10⅛	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Airlines	8	8	Gen. Mills	52¼	52½	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Brands	36¾	37¼	Gen. Motors	49⅝	50	St Regis	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Broadcast	19¼	19¾	Gen Pub Util N.Y.	15	15⅛	Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Can.	29⅝	30¼	Gen. Tel El	21⅞	22¼	SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Cyan.	23	24¼	Gen. Tire	16¼	16	Schlumberger	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. El Power	19	19⅛	Genesco	4½	4¾	Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Home	31	33¼	Georgia Pac	44¾	45	Seaboard Coast	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Motors	5¾	5¾	Getty Oil	178	183¾	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Nat. Gas	31½	31¾	Gillette	25¼	25⅝	Sears Roe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Standard	13¾	14	Goodrich	17⅞	17¾	Shell Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am. Tel.	47⅛	47⅝	Goodyear	19	19⅞	Shell Trans.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amf Inc.	17⅝	17¾	Gould Inc.	20¾	20¾	Signal Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Anaconda	17⅛	17⅝	Grace	20⅝	20¾	Singer	[illegible]	[illegible]
Armco Steel	28⅞	29⅞	Grant W T	3⅜	3⅜	Sth Cal Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]
Asarco	17⅝	17¾	Gt. Atl & Pac	12	12	Southern Pac	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ashland Oil	19⅛	19⅛	Greyhound	13¼	13⅛	Southern Rly	[illegible]	[illegible]
Atl. Richfield	93⅝	94⅛	Grumman Cp	15⅜	15⅝	Sperry Rand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avco	5⅜	5⅜	Gulf Oil	20⅝	21⅛	Squibb	[illegible]	[illegible]
Avon Prod	37⅞	37⅞	Gulf Wn. Ind	21⅞	20⅞	Std. Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Babcock & Wcox	20⅞	21	Heinz, H. J.	47	47	Std. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bankers Tst NY	35¼	35¾	Hercules	21⅛	21¾	Std. Oil Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of Am.	40¼	40¾	Honeywell	29⅞	30⅛	Std. Oil Ohio	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bank of N.Y.	27¾	29¼	IC Inds	13⅝	[illegible]	Sterling Drug	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beat Fds	19¼	19⅝	Ingersoll	72⅜	72¾	Stevens J.P.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bell & Howell	14½	14⅝	Inland Steel	42¼	42⅝	Stude Worth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bendix	41¼	40	I.B.M.	190	192	Sunbeam Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Beth Steel	28¾	28⅞	Int. Harv.	24¾	25¼	Sundstrand	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boeing	26¾	27¼	Int. Nickel	27⅝	28⅛	Sun Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Boise Cascade	22¾	23	Int. Paper	49⅝	50	Teledyne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borden	22⅝	22⅞	Int. Tel. Tel	19⅝	20	Tenneco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Borg Warner	17	18⅛	Jewel Co	18⅛	18¼	Texaco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bristol Myers	60¼	61⅛	Jim Walter	35¾	37¼	Texas East Trs	[illegible]	[illegible]
BP	11¼	11½	Johns Manv	22⅞	23¼	Texas Inst	[illegible]	[illegible]
Budd	[illegible]	7⅜	Johnson & John	84¼	85¼	Texas Utilities	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burl Ind	24⅞	24⅞	Kaiser Alum.	29¼	29¾	Textron	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burlington Nthn	30	30⅜	Kennecott	34½	35¼	T.W.A.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Burroughs	91	92⅞	Kerr McGee	64⅜	66	Travelers Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Campbell Soup	30⅝	31¼	Kimb. Clk	30⅝	30⅝	T.R.W. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Canadian Pac.	14	14⅛	Kraftco Cp.	39⅝	39¾	U.A.L. Inc.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Caterpillar	67	67⅜	Kresge S.S.	30⅝	31⅜	Unilever Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Celanese	30⅜	30⅛	Kroger	21⅛	21⅝	Unilever NV	[illegible]	[illegible]
Central Sova	14¼	14⅝	Ligg. Myer	28¼	28⅞	Union Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Charter N.Y.	21⅞	21⅝	L.T.V.	14	14⅛	Union Carb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chase Manhat.	30⅛	30⅝	Litton	7⅞	7⅞	Un. Oil Cal.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chem. Bk. N.Y.	34⅛	33⅞	Lockheed	9⅜	9⅜	Un. Pacific Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chesapeake Ohio	30¼	31	Lucky Stores	14⅛	14⅞	Uniroyal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chrysler	10⅝	10¾	Manuf Hanover	29⅞	29¾	United Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]
Citicorp	30⅝	30⅞	Mapco	40⅛	40⅞	Utd Merch & M	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cities Serv	41⅞	42⅝	Marathon Oil	48	48	U.S. Industries	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clark Equip	29⅞	29⅞	Marcor Inc	23⅝	24⅛	U.S. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Coca Cola	73⅝	73	Marine Mid.	17⅛	17⅛	Utd Technol	[illegible]	[illegible]
Colgate	[illegible]	28⅝	Martin Mar.	16⅜	16⅛	Wachovia	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.B.S.	43⅝	44⅛	McDonnell	15	15	Warner Comm.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Columbia Gas	25⅝	25⅝	Mead	16⅛	16⅜	Warner Lamb.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comb Eng	43¼	40⅝	Merck	69½	69⅞	Wells Fargo	[illegible]	[illegible]
Comw. Edison	27⅛	27⅛	Minn. Min.	54	55¾	West'n Bancorp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Con Edison	12	12⅛	Mobil Oil	42⅝	42⅝	Westg'se El	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Foods	19⅝	18⅞	Monsanto	71⅝	71⅞	Weyerhaeuser	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cons Power	17⅛	17	Morgan, J. P.	54⅝	55	Whirlpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Can.	24½	24⅜	Motorola	45⅝	47	White Motor	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont. Oil	65⅞	65	NCR Corp	28	29⅜	Woolworth	[illegible]	[illegible]
Control Data	18⅛	18⅛	NL Ind	13⅞	13⅞	Xerox Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corning Glass	42⅝	43⅞	Nat. Biscuit	34⅝	35⅛	Zenith	[illegible]	[illegible]
C.P.C. Intnl.	42⅝	42⅞	Nat. Distill.	15⅛	15⅜			
Crane	46	47	Nat. Steel	38⅛	37⅞	Canadian Prices		
Crocker Int	29⅞	29⅞	Norfolk West	62⅞	63⅜	Abitibi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Crown Zeller	30⅞	30⅝	NW Bancorp	40	39⅝	Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dart Ind	29⅞	29⅞	Norton Simon	19	18⅝	Alg. Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deere	44⅛	44⅞	Occ. Pet	17⅞	17⅞	Asbestos	[illegible]	[illegible]
Del Monte	24⅞	24⅞	Ogden	12⅛	12⅛	Bell Tel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	32⅜	31	Olin Corp.	25	24⅞	Can Sup Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Detroit Edison	13⅞	13⅝	Otis Elev.	29⅝	29⅝	Can Inv. Ltd	[illegible]	[illegible]
Disney	43⅛	42⅝	Owens Ill	44⅝	44	Cominco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dow Chem	92⅞	93⅝	Pac. Gas. El.	20⅛	20⅛	Cons. Bath	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dresser Ind.	67¼	67⅝	Pan. Am.	4	4	Falconbridge	[illegible]	[illegible]
Duke Power	16	16¼	Penn Cent	1⅜	1⅞	Gulf Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Du Pont	121	123½	Penney J C	48	48¼	Hawker Can	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern Air	4⅞	4⅞	Pennzoil	20⅞	20¾	Hud. Bay Min	[illegible]	[illegible]
East. Kodak	91¾	92	Pepsico	56⅝	58	Hud. Bay Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eaton Corp.	27⅞	27⅞	Pet Corp	24	24	I.A.C. Ltd.	[illegible]	[illegible]
El Paso G.	11⅞	11⅞	Pfizer	25⅝	26⅞	Imasco	[illegible]	[illegible]
Equitable Life	17⅝	17⅞	Philips Dnd.	35⅝	35⅞	Imp. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
Esmark	37⅞	36	Philip Mor	44⅝	45⅛	Int. Pipe	[illegible]	[illegible]
Evans P. D.	4⅞	5⅛	Phill. Pet.	54⅞	54⅞	Mass.-Ferguson	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exxon Corp	86⅝	88	Polaroid	34⅜	34⅞	Power Cp	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fed. D. Strs.	46	46⅝	P P G. Ind.	30	29⅞	Price Bros	[illegible]	[illegible]
Firestone	20	19⅞	Proc. Gamble	84	84⅝	Royal Trust	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Chicago	21⅝	21⅛	Pub Ser. El & Gas	15¼	15⅛	Seagram	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Nt. Boston	22⅞	22⅝	Pullman	19⅞	30⅛	Steel Co	[illegible]	[illegible]
Fst. Penn Corp	17	16⅞	Rapid American	5⅛	5	Tex Can.	[illegible]	[illegible]
						Trans. Mnt. Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]
						Walker H	[illegible]	[illegible]
						W.C.T.	[illegible]	[illegible]

* Ex div. a Asked c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market Closed. n New Issue. p Stock Split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, $2.1095 ($2.1085); three months, $2.0919 ($2.0890); Canadian dollar 97.29c (97.09c).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was up 1.69 to 316.30. The futures index was up 2.89 to 299.06. The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 835.97 (838.31); transportation 155.32 (156.54); utilities 78.19 (78.19); 65 stocks, 249. New York Stock Exchange index 45.78 (45.92); industrial 51.05; transportation 30.06; utilities 31.0; financial 43.04 (43.27).

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges were subdued for most of yesterday's trading session. The pound fluctuated between narrow limits before ending without net change at $2.1095.

Some light selling during the morning forced the pound lower at first but it was not long before a reaction set in as the dollar eased back from its firm opening. At one stage sterling reached $2.1120 but could not hold its quarter cent gain.

Sterling's effective devaluation improved 0.1 to 27.5 per cent.

The dollar, meanwhile, opened firmly but looked like flagging around mid-day before the mildly encouraging US unemployment trend was announced. Earlier, hopes that the Federal Reserve intends to keep a tight rein on its money supply, served to bolster the dollar against most Continental currencies.

In quiet trading gold rose 25 cents an ounce in London to $153.25. At the afternoon fixing, the price was pitched at $153.25, which was $1.00 higher than the morning's level and unchanged from Thursday afternoon's "fix".

Trading was subdued as end-week position-closing and short covering provided some support, dealers said.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.67-.57c prem	1.80-1.70c prem
Montreal	.40-.30c prem	1.10-1.00c prem
Amsterdam	4-3c prem	10½-9½c prem
Brussels	35-15c prem	100-80c prem
Copenhagen	8½-5½ore prem	19-15ore prem
Frankfurt	3½-2½pf prem	10-9pf prem
Lisbon	25c prem-50c prem	40c prem-70c disc
Milan	1lr prem-2lr disc	par-3lr disc
Oslo	7-4ore prem	17-14ore prem
Paris	3-1c prem	8½-7½c prem
Stockholm	3½-1½ore prem	8-6ore prem
Vienna	35-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4½-3½c prem	12-11c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9715-18.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 6-6½; seven days, 6¼-6¾; one month, 6½-7; three months, 7-7½; six months, 8-8½.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $152¼ (an ounce); pm, $153¼.
Krugerrand (per coin): $156½-158½ (£74-75) (domestic); $156½-158½ (£74¼-75¼) (international).
Sovereigns: (old), $46½-47¼ (£22-22½); (new), $46½-47½ (£22-22½) (international).

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) September 5	Market rates (close) September 5
New York	$2.1080-1120	$2.1090-1100
Montreal	$2.1680-1730	$2.1705-1715
Amsterdam	5.56-59fl	5.57-58fl
Brussels	81.10-60f	81.30-50f
Copenhagen	12.58½-63½k	12.61-62k
Frankfurt	5.43-46m	5.44-45m
Lisbon	56.00-40e	56.10-30e
Madrid	123.00-50p	123.30-50p
Milan	1411-16lr	1413-15lr
Oslo	11.64-67k	11.65-66k
Paris	9.28-31f	9.29½-30½f
Stockholm	9.21-24k	9.22½-23½k
Tokyo	625-33y	628-30y
Vienna	38.30-70sch	38.40-60sch
Zurich	5.64-67f	5.65½-66½f

Effective depreciation since Dec 21, 1971 down 0.1 to 27.5 per cent.

Discount market

Identifiable financial flows pointed to a moderate shortage of fresh funds in the discount market yesterday, but the houses were able to find the money they needed without resort to the Bank of England. Rates were looking easier at the end of the day.

At the outset, when it had seemed there was the risk of the shortage reaching large proportions, discount houses took money at 10¾ to 10½ per cent. Conditions were patchy until midday.

Recent Issues

	Closing price
Barnet 13¾% 1980 (£100)	£51¼
Do 14% 1984-85 (£100)	£50½
Bristol Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£b)	£16
Cambridge Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£89¼
Derby 13¾% 1982 (£98½b)	£10¼
Estates Hse Inv 25p Ord	20+1
Land Secs 10% Cnv (100h)	£81+1
Lawrence (Walter) 25p Ord (55)	52
Liverpool 13¾% 1981 (£98½b)	£10½
Mitchell Cotts 13% Cnv (£100)	£105+1
Newcastle Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£98¾
Prop Hldg and Inv 9% Cnv (£100)	£95
Sunderland Wtr 9% Rd Pf (£99)	£98
Whitbread 11% Cnv	£100

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	Closing price
B P.B. Inds (68)	Oct 2	43½ prem+1
Bk Leumi Is (I£1.25)	Oct 3	23
Brit Car Auctn (10)	Sept 26	30
Chubb (66)	Oct 3	80
Crellon (25)	Sept 26	30
Dixons Ord (27)	Oct 3	17 prem
Dixons A (27)	Oct 3	17 prem
Howard Mach (25)	Oct 3	43
Normand Elec (25)	Oct 3	3½ prem
Sangers (50)		14 prem-2
Woodhouse Rixson (17½)	Oct 3	12½ prem+1

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. + Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £65 paid. b £10 paid. e £65 paid. f £30 paid. g £60 paid. h £25 paid. i £40 paid.

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 11%
(Last changed 25/7/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 10%
Discount Mkt Loans %
Weekend: Open 10¾ Close 9½
Week Fixed: 10-10¾

Treasury Bills (Dis %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	10⅝	2 months	10⅜
3 months	10½	3 months	10⅜

Prime Bank Bills (Dis %) Trades (Dis %)

2 months	10⅝-10⅜	3 months	11
3 months	10¾-10⅝	4 months	11¼
4 months	10⅞-10¾	6 months	11½
6 months	10⅞-10½		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	11-10½	7 months	11¼-10¾
2 months	11-10½	8 months	11¼-10¾
3 months	11-10½	9 months	11¼-11
4 months	11¼-10¾	10 months	11½-11
5 months	11¼-10¾	11 months	11½-11
6 months	11¼-10¾	12 months	11¾-11¼

Secondary Mkt. £CD Rates (%)

1 month	10¾-10⅝	6 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅞-10¾	12 months	10⅞-10¾

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	9½-10	3 months	10¾-10⅝
7 days	10	6 months	10¾
1 month	10½	1 year	11¼-11½

Interbank Market (%)
Weekend: Open 9½-10 Close

1 week	10¼-10	6 months	10⅞-10¾
1 month	10⅝-10½	9 months	10⅞-10¾
3 months	10⅞-10¾	12 months	10⅞-10¾

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate %)
3 months 11 6 months 11¼

Finance House Base Rate 10½%

Treasury Bill Tender

Applications	£1,080m	allotted	£400m
Bids at	£97.44%	received	73%
Last week	£97.41%	received	78%
Average rate	£10.2075%	Last week	£10.3805%
Next week	£300m	replace	£200m

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

	Bid	Offer
$ STRAIGHTS		
AIDC 10¼ 1981	102¾	103¼
Airlease 8¾ 1988	80	83
Ashland 8 1987	87¾	90
BICC 7¾ 1987	67	70
Bristol 8¾ 1979	90	92
British Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	80	83
Burlington 7¾ 1987	88¾	90¼
Carrier 8 1987	88¼	89
Chevron 7 1980	97	98
Conoco 7 1980	97¾	98¼
Conoco 8 1986	95¼	96
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	83¼	84¼
Coventry 8¾ 1981	91	93
Coventry 8¼ 1980	89	91
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	88¼	89¼
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101¼	102¼
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90¼	91
Dana 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Denmark Kingdom 7¾ 1990	81¾	82¼
Denmark Mtge Bank 7¾ 1991	77¾	80¼
Dundee 9¼ 1983	90¼	92¼
Escom 9¼ 1989	89¼	90¼
Escom Floating Rate 1982	97¼	98¼
First Chicago 7 1980	93¼	94¼
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	83	85
GATX 8¾ 1987	88¾	89¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	71	74
Hambros 7¾ 1987	77	80
ICI 7¾ 1992	79¼	83¼
International Util 8¾ 1982	91¾	92¼
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 1988	69	72
Manchester 8¾ 1981	85	87¼
Mexico 8¾ 1991	81	84
Michelin 7¾ 1988	81	83
Mitsubishi 8 1989	96	98
Motorola 8 1987	92¼	93
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	75	77
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	80	83
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102¼	103¼
NA Rockwell 8¼ 1987	88¼	89¼
Occidental 7¾ 1984	82	84
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	87¼	88
Pacific Lighting 9¼ 1981	100¼	101¼
Pennwalt 8 1987	90	90¼
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	90¼	91
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	84¼	86¼
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	95¼	96¼
Shell 7¾ 1987	92	93¼
Singer 11 1977	101¼	102¼
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103¼	104
Slough 8 1988	61	65
South Africa 8 1987	83	85
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	100¼	101¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¾	98
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	98¼	99¼
Sybron 8 1987	88¼	89¼
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	85¼	86
Textron 7¾ 1987	83¼	84¼
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	90	90¼
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	96	97
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	90¼	91
Venezuela 8¾ 1987	94¼	96¼
Volvo 8 1987	84¼	85¼
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	79	81
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	104¼	105¼
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Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	71¼	72¼
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ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	93	94
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Nat West (DM) 8 1988	91¼	92¼
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	92¼	93¼
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	92¼	93¼
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	91	93
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
American Express 4¾ 1987	81	83
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	89	91
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	99	101
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	91	93
Borden 5 1992	83	85
Borden 6¾ 1991	99	101
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	72¼	74¼
Carnation 4 1987	83	85
Chevron 5 1988	95	97
Cummins 6¾ 1986	81	83
Dart 4¾ 1987	81	83
Eastman Kodak 4¼ 1988	108	110
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Ford 5 1986	83	85
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Gould 5 1987	79	81
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Halliburton 4¼ 1987	131	133
Harris 5 1992	63	65
Honeywell 6 1986	70	73
ITT 3¾ 1987	67	69
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Nabisco 5¼ 1988	87	89
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	89	91
J. C. Penney 4¼ 1987	73	75
Revlon 4¾ 1987	100	102
Rank Org 4¼ 1993	37	39
Sperry Rand 4¼ 1988	91	93
Squibb 4¾ 1987	77	79
Texaco 4¾ 1988	73	75
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	107¾	109¼
Warner Lambert 4¼ 1987	86	88
Xerox Corp 5 1988	70	72

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1974/75 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
		Authorised Unit Trusts			
		Abacus Arbuthnot Ltd. Barnett Hse, Fountain St, Man 2. 061-236 9771			
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30.8	18.2	Growth	25.8	27.6	4.50
33.2	19.0	Do Accum	28.1	29.9	4.50
30.7	20.7	Income	26.9	29.1	8.20
33.3	23.4	Do Accum	30.9	33.1	8.20
22.8	15.6	East & Int Acc	17.9	18.9	2.70
		Abbey Unit Trust Managers. 72-80 Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury, Bucks. 0296-5941			
31.3	10.8	Abbey Capital	20.4	21.8	4.31
35.1	19.2	Abbey General	31.6	33.6	4.18
24.2	11.0	Do Income	22.9	24.3	8.88
24.4	13.4	Do Invest	24.3	25.8	3.95
		Alben Trust Managers Ltd. 14 Finsbury Circus, London, EC2. 01-588 6377			
60.3	35.1	Albert Trst	52.6	56.6	3.37
48.1	24.3	Do Income	42.6	45.7	8.21
		Allied Hambro Group. Hambro Hse, Hutton, Essex. 01-588 2851			
[illegible]	[illegible]	Allied Capital	49.2	52.6	5.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do 1st	48.1	49.3	5.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Brit Ind 2nd	45.8	48.9	6.13
[illegible]	[illegible]	Growth & Inc	25.6	27.4	6.09
[illegible]	[illegible]	Elec & Ind Dev	23.6	25.5	6.06
[illegible]	[illegible]	Met Min & Cmdty	34.8	36.8	5.68
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Income	41.5	44.5	7.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Income	34.5	36.5	7.85
[illegible]	[illegible]	International	20.5	22.0	2.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	High Yield Fnd	35.0	37.4	10.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	Hambro Fnd	73.5	78.5	5.66
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Income	35.9	38.4	7.46
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Recovery	34.7	37.0	9.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Smaller	15.3	16.4	7.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Do Accum	19.3	20.7	6.16
[illegible]	[illegible]	2nd Smaller	18.8	20.2	8.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	Secs of America	39.6	42.4	3.19
138.2	89.5	Exempt Fnd	120.0	128.2	6.43
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230	83	APV Hldgs	185	+3	13.0	7.0	7.1
80	21	AVP Ind	46½	..	3.7	8.0	4.4
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THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 05.09.75 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1964):—

	Index No. Latest	Div. Yield %	Earnings Yield %	Index No. Previous
The Times Industrial Share Index	128.78	7.69	13.64	125.51
Largest Coys.	129.13	6.70	12.97	126.06
Smaller Coys.	127.54	8.04	15.61	126.52
Capital Goods	134.15	7.95	17.25	133.20
Consumer Goods	133.40	6.97	12.06	130.64
Store Shares	126.89	7.48	7.43	127.30
Largest financial shares	171.88	5.82	—	170.00
Largest financial and industrial shares	148.51	6.97	—	145.61
Commodity shares	228.54	4.40	23.07	224.10
Gold Mining shares	503.28	6.59	9.11	497.90
Industrial debenture stocks	73.86	7.25*	—	73.88
Industrial preference stocks	51.20	14.38*	—	50.97
3½% War Loan	26⅝	13.70*	—	26½

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below:—

	High	Low
All-time	198.47 (15.08.72)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1975	130.10 (06.08.75)	61.63 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.18 (13.12.74)
1973	180.33 (25.01.73)	120.84 (13.12.73)
1972	198.47 (15.08.72)	174.48 (10.01.72)
1971	174.77 (31.12.71)	106.45 (03.03.71)
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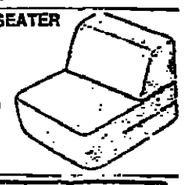
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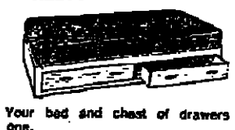
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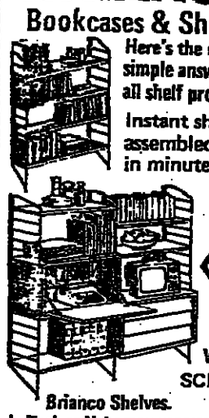


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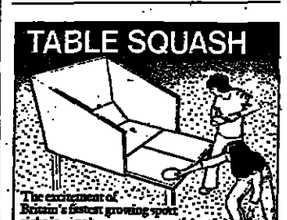
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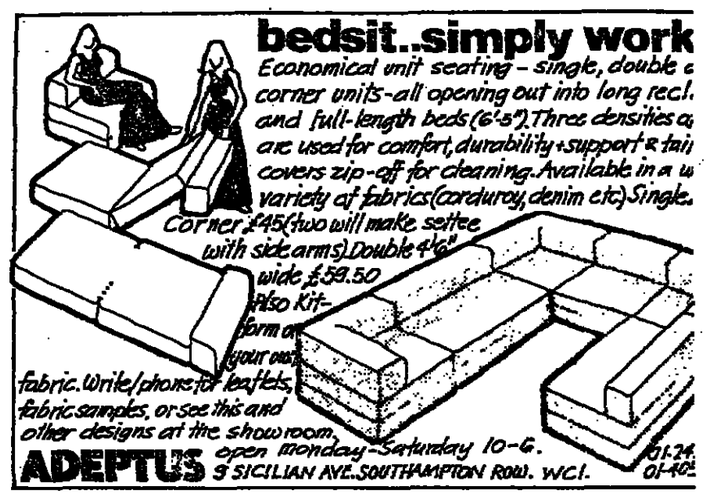
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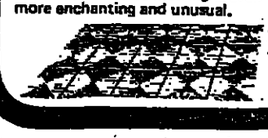
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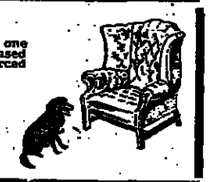
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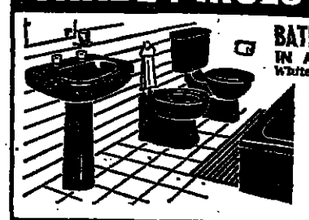
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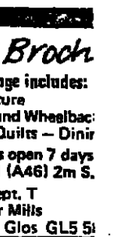
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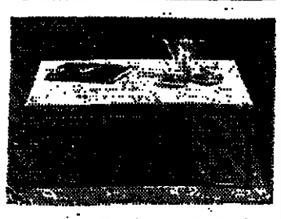
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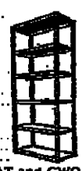


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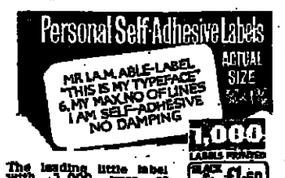
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Dated this 1st day of September, 1975.

PATRICK GRANVILLE WHITE, Liquidator.

In the Matter of LESLIE DUNCAN CAMBRIDGE Deceased. Pursuant to the Trustee Act, 1925, section 27.

Notice is hereby given, that all persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of Leslie Duncan Cambridge, late of 41 Montagu Mansions, London, W1 in Greater London, who died on the 16th day of August, 1975, are hereby required to send particulars in writing of their claims or interests to us, the undersigned, as Solicitors to the Executors before the 12th day of November, 1975. And Notice is Hereby given, that at the expiration of that time the Executors will proceed to distribute the Estate of the said Testator among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and interests of which they shall then have had notice; and that they will not as respects the property so distributed, be liable to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not then have had notice.

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PATRICK GRANVILLE WHITE, Liquidator.

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J. E. BUCKENHAM, Secretary, 1 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BT. 6th September 1975

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DEATHS

ANDREWS.—On September 4th, at 7 Kemnal Warren, Kemnal Road, Chislehurst, Alfred Wesley (Andy), aged 61, late major, R.A. Funeral at Beckenham Crematorium 3.30 p.m., 11th September. No flowers, but donations in lieu may be sent to St. Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham, S.E.26.

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DEATHS

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JONES.—August 23rd, Doctor Gwyn Francis at his home in Miami, Queensland.

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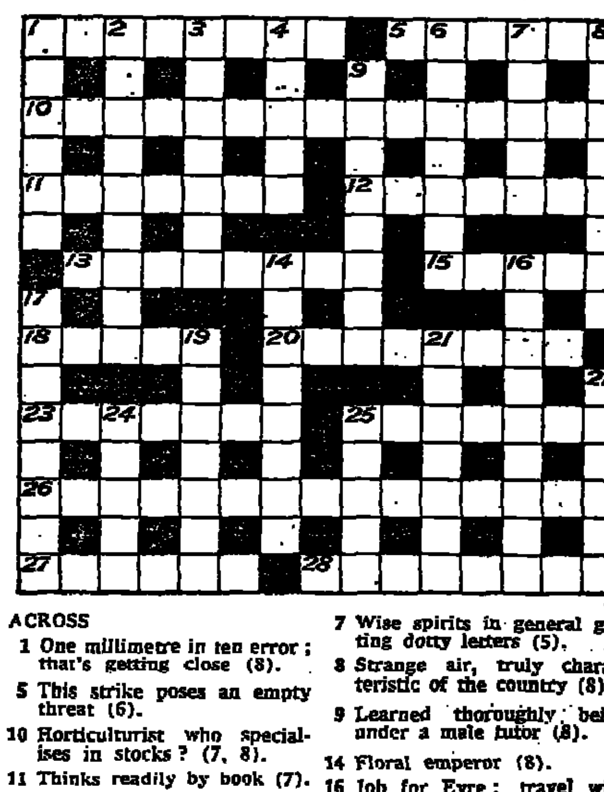
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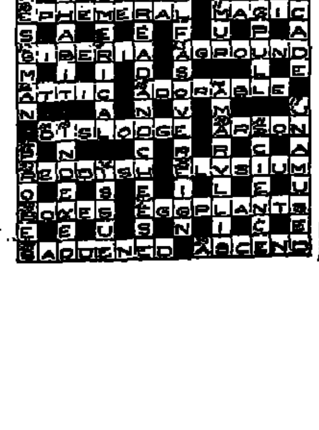
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1 One millimetre in ten error; that's getting close (8).
5 This strike poses an empty threat (6).
10 Horticulturist who specialises in stocks? (7, 8).
11 Thinks readily by book (7).
12 Double-edged sort of wit has the beak (7).
13 Bid for a bowler (4-4).
15 Leg for a fin-de-siècle arm (5).
18 We hear Ted's in Middlesex? (5).
20 My Laguna Lily (4-4).
23 The criminal in the crowd? (7).
25 Some are always in salt (7).
26 It's not all plane sailing even for them (5, 10).
27 College Lew's rebuilt with New York backing (6).
28 Gives one the go-by? Not for the first time! (8).

DOWN

1 What harm in boxing people? (6).
2 Rule of the 23? (9).
3 Stinking din, sounds like (7).
4 No horses for Newman (5).
6 Ruination from a lost button (7).
7 Wise spirits in general getting dotty letters (5).
8 Strange air, truly characteristic of the country (8).
9 Learned thoroughly, being under a male tutor (8).
14 Floral emperor (8).
16 Job for Eyre: travel with Jules by steamer (9).
17 Some are "dispensable" (8).
19 Appease 5 (7).
21 What can ail Ivan? Cherchez la femme (7).
22 Unspacious ecclesiastical environments? (6).
24 Bucks fish (5).
25 Light Brigade's bandmaster? (5).

Solution of Puzzle No 14,091



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